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TODAY'S WEATHER: Light Southeast winds, cloudy with occasional light rain or drizzle at first, coming fair during the afternoon.

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LEADS IN LOWER HOUSE POLL

Rome, Apr. 20.—Signor Alcide de Gasperi, the Italian Premier and leader of the triumphant Christian Democrat Party, was tonight within less than three percent of an absolute majority for the Italian Senate as the last Senate votes in Italy's first general elections since 1925 were being counted.

The latest Senate figures issued by the Ministry of the Interior gave the Christian Democrats 8,161,569 votes, or 47.4 percent of the electorate, and the Communist-led Popular Front 5,382,076, or 31.1 percent.

The latest figures for the Chamber were given as: Christian Democrats 6,388,305 votes and the Popular Front 4,546,538. The results covered 21,726 sections of 41,647 sections for the whole of Italy.

The Chamber results, being announced tonight in increasing numbers, showed that the country had voted for the Lower House as it had done for the Senate.

Scenes of jubilation over the Christian Democrat victory were reported from all over the country. Investors not waiting for the final results, today took the bull by the horns and both Rome and Milan stock markets experienced heavy buying.

Prices shot up under the influence of the defeat of the Popular Front and the knowledge that, for the next five years at least, private enterprise would remain unhampered in business.

COMMUNIST "SATISFIED"
Signor Carlo Paletta, Secretary of the Communist Party in Lombardy, told Milan correspondents that he was satisfied with the results, but added that the "whole forces of the Right were mobilised by the Church."

"The Christian Democrats were thus able to increase their vote, but the Parliamentary position will not be greatly changed," he added. The final Senate results for Turin, announced by the Ministry of the Interior tonight, gave the Christian

Democrats a lead of over 20,000 votes in this usually Communist stronghold.

The figures given were: Christian Democrats, 178,246; Popular Front, 156,319; National Bloc, 23,006. The greatest upset in this voting was in the Turin Fiat factory section, where the Christian Democrats turned a defeat at the 1946 elections into a 1,000-vote lead.

In 1946, the Christian Democrats polled 112,148 against a combined Communist and Socialist vote of 225,025.

The Senate results of 18 out of the 22 electoral districts in Sicily, reported tonight from Palermo, gave the Christian Democrats a more than two to one victory over the Popular Front, the figures being: Christian Democrats, 714,622; Popular Front, 341,407.

GENOA RESULTS
Complete Chamber results for Genoa, given by the Ministry of the Interior, showed: Christian Democrats, 271,873 votes; Popular Front, 229,704; Socialist Union Party, 37,250; Republicans, 15,078; National Bloc, 6,595; Social Movement, 4,209. In 1946, the Socialists and Communists together had double the votes of the Christian Democrats, which gave some idea of the progress the Christian Democrats have made in this area.

The latest results for the Chamber, issued by the Ministry of the Interior, affecting 21,726 sections of 41,647 in the whole of Italy, showed: Christian Democrats, 6,388,305; Popular Front, 4,546,538.

The latest figures for other parties were: Socialist Union, 930,285; National Bloc, 424,320; Republicans, 360,152; Monarchists and Alliance of Labour, 302,503; Italian Social Movement, 349,350.

Shortly before the figures were announced, Signor de Gasperi declared: "I was quite sure we should get a relative majority, but I never dreamed, as my opponents did, of obtaining an absolute majority."

It was not clear whether he meant to forecast that his party would now get a clear majority over all rival groupings, in both the Senate and the Lower House, but he added that press predictions had been "far too pessimistic" about their chances.

The voting showed the "political maturity" of the Italian people, he said. They had "a firm desire not to be Bolshevized."—Reuter.

Corruption Case Ends

The case in which four Fishery Inspectors were charged with conspiracy and accepting bribes came to an abrupt end this morning when all accused pleaded guilty to some of the charges.

Two men were sentenced to two years imprisonment, and the other two six months.

The magistrate, Mr. Clifford, in passing sentence, said he agreed that corruption was rife in Hongkong and he wished to make it clear that anyone who indulged in the practice was running a colossal risk and that if they got caught they would not be let off by a Court. (Full report of the case appears on page 5).

This Is The Mountain



First picture taken of Amne Machin, which Milton Reynolds expected to find was higher than Everest, but which a Chinese air expedition measured and found to be only 18,000 feet high. The picture was taken by Mr Y. N. Sit, radio operator of the expedition.

Battle Begins For Arab Stronghold

Tel-Aviv, Apr. 20.—The battle of Salame village, astride the road leading from Tel-Aviv to Lydda airport, started at 3.30 p.m. today, with Arabs and Jews using mortar fire as Haganah forces seemed to have crossed No Man's Land into Arab territory.

Salame—before the disturbances populated by 20,000 Arabs—is now virtually an Iraq-Syrian-Palestine Arab stronghold from where several raids were carried out on the Jewish city outskirts of Ramat Gan and Ben Brak. Action was preceded by Haganah occupation of the former American rest camp at Tel Letwinisky, which resulted in cutting off the Arab reinforcements' route from Ramleh.

stating that an Egyptian Airlines plane was missing and last seen at Neger in Southern Palestine. In Jaffa, a mass exodus of Arabs started after rumours that the Haganah would retaliate on that city for the siege on the Jewish section of Jerusalem. Intensive sniping from Tel-Aviv on Jaffa started today.—United Press.

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and Lydda, Arab townships east and northeast of Jaffa. Several Jews were wounded on the borders of Tel-Aviv, but Arab casualties were not known.

CONVOY ATTACKED
Wireless messages received at Haganah headquarters from the escort of a food convoy said the Polmach, or striking force, had engaged Arab snipers near Bab el Jebel, halfway between Tel-Aviv and Jerusalem. Six convoys cars were put out of action, and the rest reached the capital. The Polmach pursued attackers into the mountains.

The Palestine Government today formally delivered to the Haganah the Tegar police fortress in Zichron Jacob, a Jewish colony 16 kilometres south of Haifa. In a ceremony, which was attended by new recruits to the Haganah, the blue and white colours were hoisted after the Union Jack was removed. The British took all arms and equipment away before handing over, leaving only a rifle plus 200 bullets to each of the Jewish policemen in the fortress.

VILLAGE CAPTURED
The Haganah last night captured the Arab village of Beth Surik, 15 kilometres from Jerusalem on the highway to Tel-Aviv, making eight strong points they have seized along this lifeline.

The Haganah claimed to have destroyed "all houses which were used as sniper posts against Jewish traffic."

After the seizure of another food convoy, ranking the fifth in a fortnight, they carried food into Jerusalem, including unleavened bread for the Passover.

After reports that an Egyptian had been shot down over Galilee, the police wirelessly all stations

US Ready To Help Keep Order In Palestine

Lake Success, Apr. 20.—The United States was prepared to share in the responsibility of keeping order in Palestine, Mr Warren Austin, the United States delegate, told the Political Committee of the United Nations today.

The Political Committee was beginning the reconsideration of the Palestine problem for which the present special session of the General Assembly was convened.

Mr Austin said: "The United States has raised with certain other Governments the question of joint responsibility for the security of a temporary trusteeship."

He added: "While the United States is prepared to carry its fair share of the United Nations burden involved in such a temporary trusteeship, it is not prepared to act alone in this matter."

"Our participation will be conditioned upon the readiness of other Governments to provide similar assistance."

After reviewing the history of the Palestine case in the United Nations, Mr Austin said: "During the period of intensive consultation among the permanent members, the mandatory power, the Palestine Commission and representatives of the Jews and Arabs of Palestine, it was impossible to find the necessary agreement, either among the people of Palestine, or among the members of the Security Council, to permit a peaceful implementation of the Assembly resolution (on partition)."

TIME RUNNING OUT
Mr Austin declared that the United States was willing to undertake its share of responsibility for the provision of the police forces which are required during the truce and temporary trusteeship along with other members who may be selected by the General Assembly, and who are willing to carry out such a task in accordance with the will of the Assembly and with the provisions of the Charter.

Mr Austin said: "By the middle of March, we recognised that time was fast running out. The only certainty was that grave disorders were occurring daily in Palestine and that the situation would become even more serious if we could not be expected after May 15."

"My Government considered that the only decent course lay in the effort to save lives and we found that our colleagues in the Security Council were ready to move in the same direction."—Reuter.

Mr Austin quoted from the report of the United Nations Palestine Commission that "Arab elements, both inside and outside of Palestine, have exerted organised and intensive efforts towards defeating the purpose of the resolution of the General Assembly."

He added: "The primary reason why the General Assembly's resolution of November 29 could not be carried out by peaceful means was the Arab resistance."

CHARTER VIOLATED
"Some of this resistance, arising from outside Palestine, is in clear violation of the Charter of the United Nations and must be halted."

"The Jewish Agency for Palestine has demonstrated that it is prepared to accept the resolution of the General Assembly of last November 29 despite the fact that this resolution did not represent the full measure of their claims."

Mr Austin continued: "Jewish activities have shocked the entire world, have served to inflame still further the Palestine question, and have made it more difficult for the United Nations to find a peaceful solution to the Palestine problem."

He then related the events which led to the passing by the Security Council of the resolution calling for a truce, adding: "Since the truce itself does not ensure the continuance of governmental authority in Palestine, the United States believes that consideration should be given by the General Assembly to the establishment of a temporary trusteeship, which might provide the government and the essential public services in that country pending further negotiations."

"If the mandatory power actively co-operates," said Mr Austin, "the General Assembly would be able to establish United Nations governmental authority in Palestine."

U.N. AUTHORITY

"The United Nations itself can become the administering authority in Palestine."

"The United States does not wish to confront the General Assembly with a draft trusteeship agreement which has been worked out in every detail, or, indeed, to present in any formal sense a draft trusteeship agreement."

He submitted suggestions "in the form of a working paper which would represent to a very considerable degree the collective view."

The United States, Mr Austin said, did not suggest a "temporary trusteeship as a substitute for the plan of partition with economic union or any other solution of the Palestine problem which may be agreed upon by the Jews and Arabs of that country."—Reuter.

Mr Austin continued: "We consider it an emergency measure to ensure public order and the maintenance of public services."

"A truce and trusteeship together envisage a military and political standstill to save human life and to make possible further negotiations on the final political settlement. As we see it, a truce and trusteeship would be entirely without prejudice to the rights, claims or position of the parties, or to the character of the eventual political settlement."

Mr Austin concluded: "It is not enough to provide only for order and order in Palestine. If the United Nations accepts temporary responsibility for the government of Palestine, everything possible should be done to promote the economic recovery and the development of the country for the mutual benefit of all of its inhabitants."

GROMYKO AGAINST

M. Andrei Gromyko, the Soviet delegate, reaffirmed Soviet support for partition and opposed the United States plan for trusteeship.

He asked: "How can we explain that the partition decision is not being implemented, and that, in its place, certain states submit new plans providing for a revocation of an already adopted decision, and its replacement by a new plan which does not correspond to the interests of the population of Palestine or to the interests of the maintenance of international peace?"

Russia would vote against the proposals, he declared.

Russia considered the United Nations should take effective measures for the implementation of partition. Dr T. F. Ts'ang, of China, supported the trusteeship plan.

The Political Committee then adjourned until tomorrow.—Reuter.

British Soldiers Marry Germans

London, Apr. 20.—War Minister Emanuel Shinwell told the House of Commons today that 3,400 German women have married members of the British occupation army. Including those whose husbands are non-army men, he said, a total of 4,694 German women had been admitted to Britain for marriage to British subjects by the end of March.—Associated Press.

EDITORIAL

The Employers' Federation

ANY machinery that is designed to create better understanding and relations between employers and workers is welcome; wherefore the establishment of a Hongkong Employers' Federation will meet with widespread approval. Its objects have been well defined and are in accord with the needs of the day. It was apparent in the years preceding the war that a general tidying up of employer-labour relations was a necessity if future industrial disputes were to be conducted and resolved with dignity and satisfaction. The post-war years have made this even more apparent. Hongkong has been envied by other parts of the Orient for its remarkably small number of labour troubles since the reoccupation, and there is, undoubtedly, cause for congratulation in this direction. Principally this has been due to the reasonable employment terms immediately offered artisans, technicians and manual labourers when the Colony reverted to British rule; but another contributing factor has been the growing mutual respect between employers and workers. Only in a very minor manner has there been any political influence brought to bear on disgruntled trade unions, and although in some instances it was found that the men were not being represented by their rightful leaders (in consequence of which negotiations became involved and delayed) for the most part the workers' delegates and the employers' spokesmen have succeeded in amicably ironing out differences. The Trade Union Ordinance is intended to legalise and consolidate unionism in Hongkong, and it is perfectly natural that employers should also seek to create for themselves a machine

which will enable them to meet the Unions on common ground. Direct negotiation is still regarded as the most satisfactory method of settling industrial disputes, and when this fails, mediation and arbitration. The Employers' Federation offers its services as a mediator whenever they are desired and the Unions will be expected to receive this offer in the spirit in which it is made. Its more basic objects, however, possess a stronger appeal. They are to encourage the observance by employers of fair conditions of employment, to undertake the settlement of disputes by conciliatory methods, study workers' compensation and kindred schemes, and examine questions of economic and social planning. This is a laudable programme and carried out energetically will do a great deal to render labour troubles unnecessary. In response it must be the duty of trade union leaders, as it is in other parts of the world, to see that their members fulfil their obligations to employers—a full day's work for the limit of their ability. Industrially Hongkong is in a competitive market, and it is true that labour here is no longer cheap. The terms of employment of the majority of skilled and semi-skilled workers in Hongkong are reasonable and have their effect on production costs. The return given by the workers must be commensurate or our industries, now beginning to rejuvenate, will be unable to carry on. "The Labourer is worthy of his hire" implies not only a responsibility on the part of employer to provide fair employment terms, but a duty on the part of the labourer to prove by his work that he is worthy of his hire. On such an understanding employers and workers in Hongkong need have little fear of industrial strife.

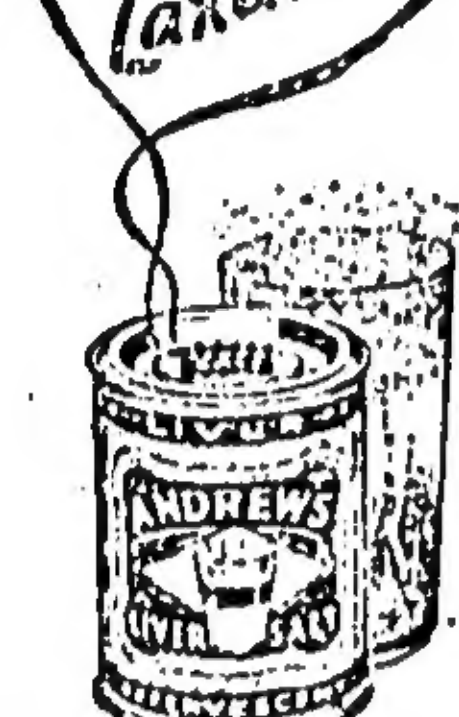
Boundary Demarcation



SOME of the stones marking the border at Shalankot were displaced by the Japanese, and demarcation work had to be undertaken anew by British and Chinese representatives. This resulted in an agreement signed last week. Picture shows Mr J. A. L. Pearson, of the Talpo Land Office, superintending the survey.



The Ideal Form of Laxative

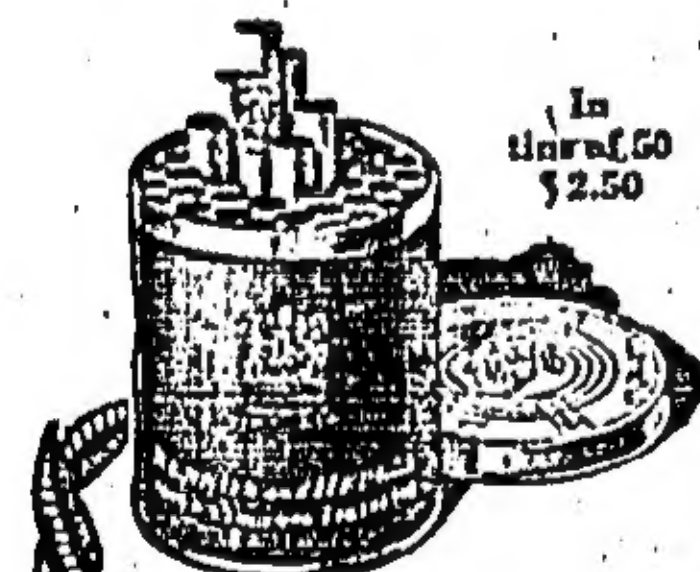
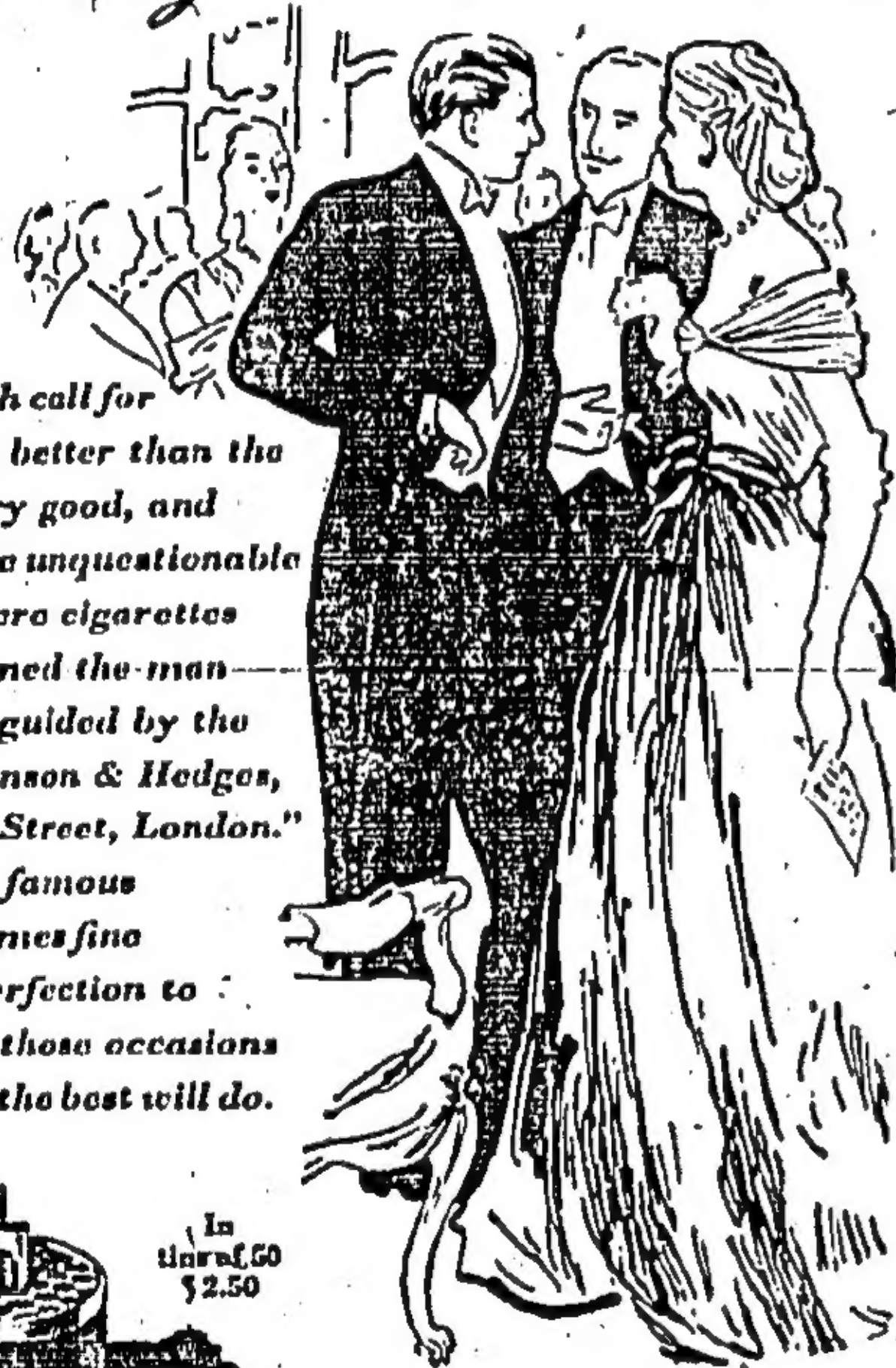


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ROSES IN AND OUT



Roses in the bodice, another on the petticoat... with this black taffeta evening dress in the new, short length—from the Spectator Sports collection—comes a white broadie anglaise petticoat edged with black lace.

NERVOUS SYSTEM DISORDERS

By Herman N. Bundesen, M.D.

THE great symphony of life in the human body is presided over by the nervous system, which acts just as the conductor of an orchestra does to draw all parts into one harmonious round of action, and to make each contribute its necessary part at the right moment.

By far the greater part of the body's functioning is under the control of the autonomic nervous system, which, by doctors, is divided into two parts, the sympathetic and the parasympathetic. Between them, these two systems regulate the beating of the heart, breathing, the action of the digestive organs, kidneys, arteries, and veins. Thus, it is easy to see that if anything goes wrong with either of these two systems, the resulting trouble is likely to be grave.

A New Drug

Recently, we have been given a new drug called neostigmine, which has a beneficial effect in many disorders where the parasympathetic system is at fault. The general effect of this drug seems to lie in the way it stimulates the parasympathetic nerves.

This action on the nervous system, in turn, may aid in overcoming weakness in the muscles of the bladder and gastro-intestinal trouble. It increases the secretion from glands, including the tear glands, the salivary glands, and sweat glands. It dilates or enlarges the tiny arteries, and this improves circulation in certain parts of the body. The preparation may be taken by mouth or may be given by injection into a muscle.

Weakness of Muscles

One condition in which the drug has been found especially useful is myasthenia gravis, in which there is a gradual development of weakness of the muscles of the body. The drug helps to overcome such symptoms as difficulty in swallowing, inability to chew, and weakness following body movements, all of which occur in myasthenia gravis.

The value of the drug in this condition may be increased by giving it together with ephedrine and other preparations. While the drug greatly improves the muscle action in this disorder, it does not seem to have any effect in other diseases affecting the movement of the muscles, such as multiple sclerosis and poliomyelitis.

THE KITCHEN FRONT:

Colour Contrast In Vegetable Dinners

By IDA BAILEY ALLEN

DINNERS consisting mostly of vegetables can be both appetising and satisfying. Be sure to use vegetables of contrasting colours, and combine one of them with a substantial food.

Peanuts are good to use for this purpose, for they are a real meat alternate and combine well with both white and sweet potatoes. Try chopped roasted peanuts in potato cakes. Or add coarse-chopped roasted peanuts to a potato or tossed green salad. Or try the sweet potato slices described today. And remember, every peanut carries a punch that helps to put over a meatless meal.

TONIGHT'S DINNER

Cream of Celery Soup
Crisp Crackers

Garden Platter with Kale, Peas and Peanut and Sweet Potato Slices
Eggs Shired in Ramekins
Apple Tapioca Cinnamon Cream
Coffee or Tea Milk (Children)

All Measurements Are Level
Recipes Serve Four

Peanut and Sweet Potato Slices
Boil or pressure cook sweet potatoes or yams until barely tender. Peel and cut in lengthwise slices 1/2 in. thick. Place in a baking pan thickly rubbed with vegetable shortening or margarine. Brush over with melted shortening or margarine; dust with salt and pepper; cover thickly with chopped roasted peanuts and slightly press down into the potato. Brown in a hot oven, 375 to 400 F., about 10 min.

Shired Eggs

When prepared this way, one egg per person is sufficient. In each shired egg dish or fireproof sauce dish, place 1 tbsp. fine soft bread crumbs and 2 tbsp. top cream. Break 1 good-sized egg in each. Dust with salt and pepper. Then dot with 1/2 tsp. butter or margarine. Bake in a moderate oven, 375 F., until the eggs are firm but not hard, about 12 min.

Apple Tapioca

Peel and slice enough cooking apples to make 2 c. Bring 2 c. apple juice to a boil in a double boiler top. Add the sliced apples and simmer 5 min. Then add the grated rind and juice of 1/2 lemon, 1/2 tsp. cinnamon, 1/4 tsp. salt and 1/2 c. brown or granulated sugar. Stir in 1/3 c. quick-cooking tapioca. Cook over hot-water until the tapioca-looks clear. Do not stir it. Try to keep the apple slices whole. Cool and serve with top cream, slightly sweetened and flavoured with cinnamon.

TOMORROW'S DINNER

Cream of Tomato Soup Croutons
Braised Chicken Southern Style
Flaky Rice Mashed Winter Squash
Quick Orange Cake

Coffee with Whipped Cream
Milk (Children)

A Big Fat Hen

When purchasing a stewing chicken or hen for braising it's money-saving to select a heavy bird, as it contains more meat and less waste in proportion to size than a small bird. It will prove a thrifty buy if you use it for two dinners and a soup.

Braised Chickens, Southern Style

Single, tweezed out the pin feathers, and clean a good-sized fat hen (about 5 lb.).

Remove excess fat to render for frying. Scrub the bird with mild soapy water, then rinse and pat dry with absorbent paper. Truss as for roasting. Slow-brown all over in some of the chicken fat.

Meanwhile, coarse-shred enough celery tops and leaves to make 1 c., and shred 1 large peeled onion. Place in the bottom of a good-sized kettle.

Put the chicken on this; dust with salt and pepper; pour in 3 c. boiling water, soup stock, or water saved from cooking macaroni or potatoes. Cover closely and simmer about 3 hrs., or until the bird is tender to the bone when tested by a fork in the leg joints.

To serve four persons, carve about 2/3 of the bird and arrange on a platter. Pour over a gravy made from the liquid in which the chicken was cooked. Sprinkle with 1 hard-cooked egg chopped fine and mixed with 1 tbsp. chopped parsley. Use the remaining chicken for a second meal.

Quick Orange Cake

In a mixing bowl work together with a spoon, 2 1/2 tbsp. shortening (any kind) and 2/3 c. sugar. Next sift together onto a deep plate, 1 1/2 c. flour, 3 tsp. baking powder and 1/4 tsp. salt. Beat 1 egg light and add 2/3 c. orange or tangerine juice. Now to put the cake together—beat the flour mixture alternately with the egg and orange juice into the shortening and sugar. Transfer to a shallow, medium-sized biscuit pan (7" x 11"). Sprinkle with 2 tbsp. granulated sugar mixed with the fine-grated rind of 1/4 orange. Bake 30 min. in a moderate oven, 375 F. Serve hot or cold. If desired, orange sauce may be poured over.

TRICK OF THE CHEF

To give a braised chicken a superior flavour, rub it inside and outside, before cooking, with 1 tsp. powdered ginger.

BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

Willy Toad Has Good News

—His Cousin, the Frog, Is Getting Married—

By MAX TRELL

WILLY Toad met Knarf and Hanid, the shadow-children with the turned-around names and told them he had just heard some very pleasant news.

"My cousin Grumpus is getting married! Isn't that wonderful!"

Hanid smiled. But Knarf said: "Who's Grumpus?"

"What! You don't know my cousin Grumpus? He's a frog. He has a fine, big estate down at the pond. He calls it Frog's Landing - And - Catchfly Farm. He sits all day (and all night, too, for that matter) on a flat white rock, just under the willow tree, at the edge of his pond. Yes, he's finally getting married."

Hanid asked Willy who his cousin Grumpus was marrying.

"Another frog," answered Willy. "Her name is Miss Sit-And-Look-Up-At-The-Sky."

"That's a long name," said Knarf. "It's a frog name. You wouldn't expect her to be called Mary or Helen or Charlotte. No, you wouldn't."

Willy answered quickly before Knarf had a chance to say anything: "I once knew a frog named Loud-Voice-From-The-Ditch. We used to call him Loud for short, and he didn't seem to mind it at all."

"But you have a regular name, Willy," said Knarf.

Not Full Name

"I'm not a frog," said Willy. "And besides, Willy isn't my full name. It's only part of it. My full name is Willy - Won'ty - Couldy - Can'ty - Catch-A-Bee. My mother and father wanted to be sure that I would always remember, no matter how old I got, not to catch bees instead of flies. I hardly ever do," he added. "But everyone just calls me Willy. Now to get back to my cousin Grumpus. I want to get him and his new wife a wedding present. Well, it took me a long time. But I've just thought of one."

Knarf and Hanid were eager to know what the wedding present was. They couldn't imagine what kind of present you could give to two frogs.

"It wasn't a watch or a ring," said Willy, smiling. "It wasn't dishes, or pots and pans, or furniture, or pictures, or anything like that."

"Then what was it?" Knarf demanded.

"A flat white rock—just like the one that Cousin Grumpus has now. This one will be for his wife to sit on. I'm having it get in right next

Bathing Is a Beauty Ritual



A good addition to your bath accessories is a set which includes cologne, powder mitt and bath salts in a uniform scent.

By HELEN FOLLETT

BATHE for health and bathe for pleasure. For fifteen minutes be relaxed, indolent, enjoy a sense of luxury. It may be the only restful, quiet quarter hour in your whole day. Take advantage of it. To receive the best complexion benefits, wash your face before getting into the tub, rinse, dry and anoint with cold cream. Oil and moist hot air combine to form the grandest possible freshening treatment.

Add a few bath salts and have the water warm enough so you can stuff up a rich lather when you soap the bath brush. A bath brush is a tub accessory to which every quarter after good looks should be added. Use it faithfully and vigorously; it is an ally in overcoming

ing gooseflesh and slow circulation. An alternating hot and cold shower will put ginger in your heels and rosy blooms in your cheeks. Have a rub down with a coarse towel that takes hold with might and main, so you will get a quick reaction of the circulatory system. Then you can go in for ten minutes' indulgence in bath cosmetics. One nice set has cologne, powder mitt and bath salts in the same scent.

If weather and thin hosiery have combined to roughen the surface of your legs, rub a little non-greasy lotion into the flesh.

You will, of course, give attention to your pink toes, since this is the best time to treat them to a skin lifting with the orange wood stick, and to apply nail polish.

RIDDLES

POINTED PUNS

The correct answers to these riddles are printed below upside down. Try to guess the answers before you look.

1. When is vegetable soup likely to run out of the saucepan?
2. What makes a road broad?
3. What has a thousand ties, but no shirt?
4. Does North Carolina have two capitals?
5. What flies, yet has no wings; sings, yet has no voice?
6. What kind of a bush does a rabbit choose for shelter when it is raining?

ANSWERS

- 1—When there's a leak in it.
- 2—The letter "B"—a B-A road.
- 3—The letter "N"—an N arrow.
- 4—A well one.
- 5—A well one.
- 6—A well one.

DECORATING YOUR ROOM

(Continued from Yesterday)

YOU will want to paint or otherwise decorate your unfinished "packing-box" furniture. This brings us to the subject of colour—the next step in making your room really yours.

Colour is the easiest and cheapest way, top designers will tell you, to achieve effects. You can call attention to attractive areas with colour, divert it from others. Colour can make your room seem warmer or cooler, relaxing or stimulating.

It isn't likely that you can change walls or ceiling, unless your parents should happen to be doing over the entire house. But you can still brighten your room by the use of colour in your wood piece, curtains, drapes, and other coverings.

Laquer is best for wood, but it might be beyond your budget. Use what you can afford in the way of paint.

Any strong, bright colour is good, particularly if you can repeat the colour in your drapes or other fabrics. Shades of red are warm and stimulating, and will carry attention away from dull walls. You can further disguise your walls

with colourful pictures of movie stars, sports figures, or musicians.

If your room seems too warm when summer comes, switch to soft, cool shades of green and blue. Remember, dark colours absorb heat; light colours turn away heat.

Too much of one colour can be tiresome. Your eyes will crave relief in the form of a balancing or "complementary" colour.

Anything in your room that is too dominating or "heavy" should be balanced by other things.

You probably have noticed how certain colours "go well" or harmonize with others—browns with greens, rose or yellow with certain shades of blue. This isn't imagination. Colours have wave lengths similar to sounds. The exact shades which complement others have been calculated by mathematics.

(The End)

RED RYDER

The Holdup

By Fred Harman



Rupert helps Dr. Lion—17



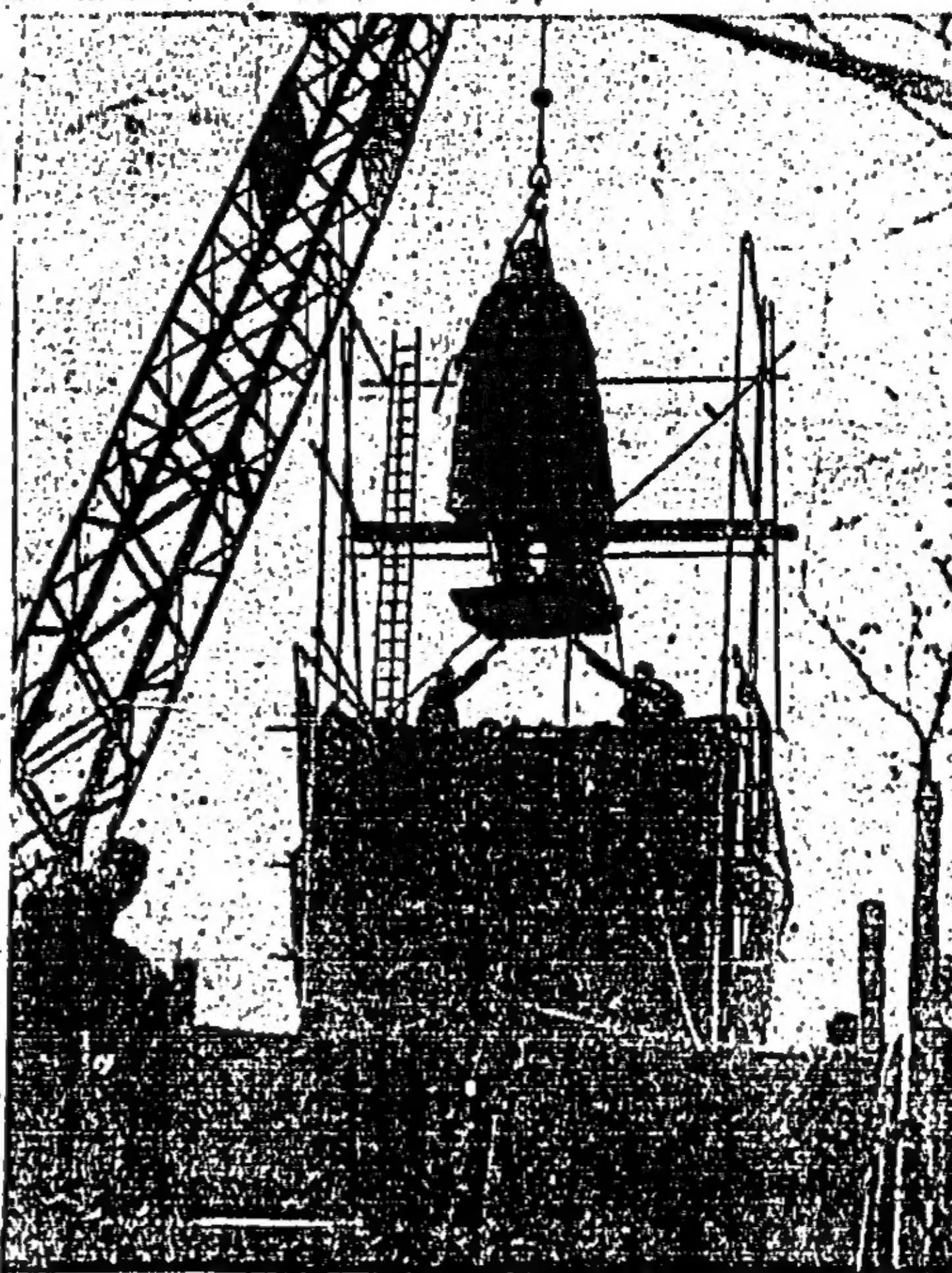
The conjure doesn't seem to get any ideas, and his worried look gets worse. At length he beckons Rupert and moves very slowly to a curtain and opens a secret cupboard. "In there, little bear, are many marvels. With them I can make red light and green and blue and silver," he says, "but never have I tried tonight." "Ooh, do let me see those," cries Rupert. "They sound lovely, and, who knows, they may be just as good."

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GETTING READY TO SMASH ATOMS—The 30-ton top section of a cyclotron arrives at Columbia University's nuclear physics research centre at Irvington-on-Hudson, New York. It is part of what reputedly will be the world's most powerful cyclotron, weighing 2,500 tons when completed.



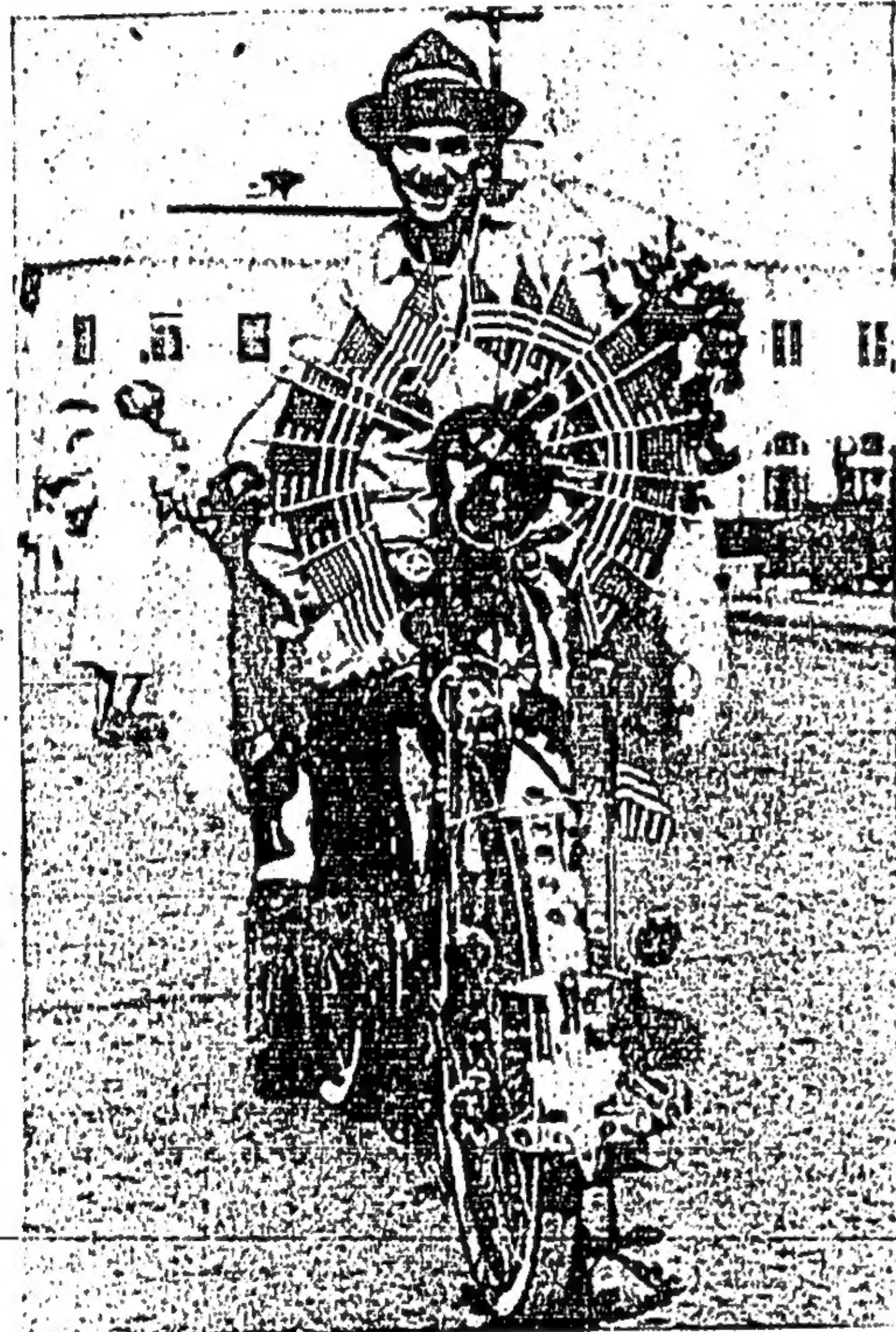
ROOSEVELT MEMORIAL—The bronze statue of the late President Roosevelt is lowered into place for the memorial dedicated to him in London. Mrs Eleanor Roosevelt, wife of the former President, unveiled the statue last week.



HECKLER—Two policemen stand by as a picket heckles an employee leaving the New York Stock Exchange. The Wall Street financial centre kept its quotations going out despite the first strike in its 156-year history.



A CTRESS—Beateous Doris Day of the films wears a two-piece suit of lastex fabric interwoven with silver thread.



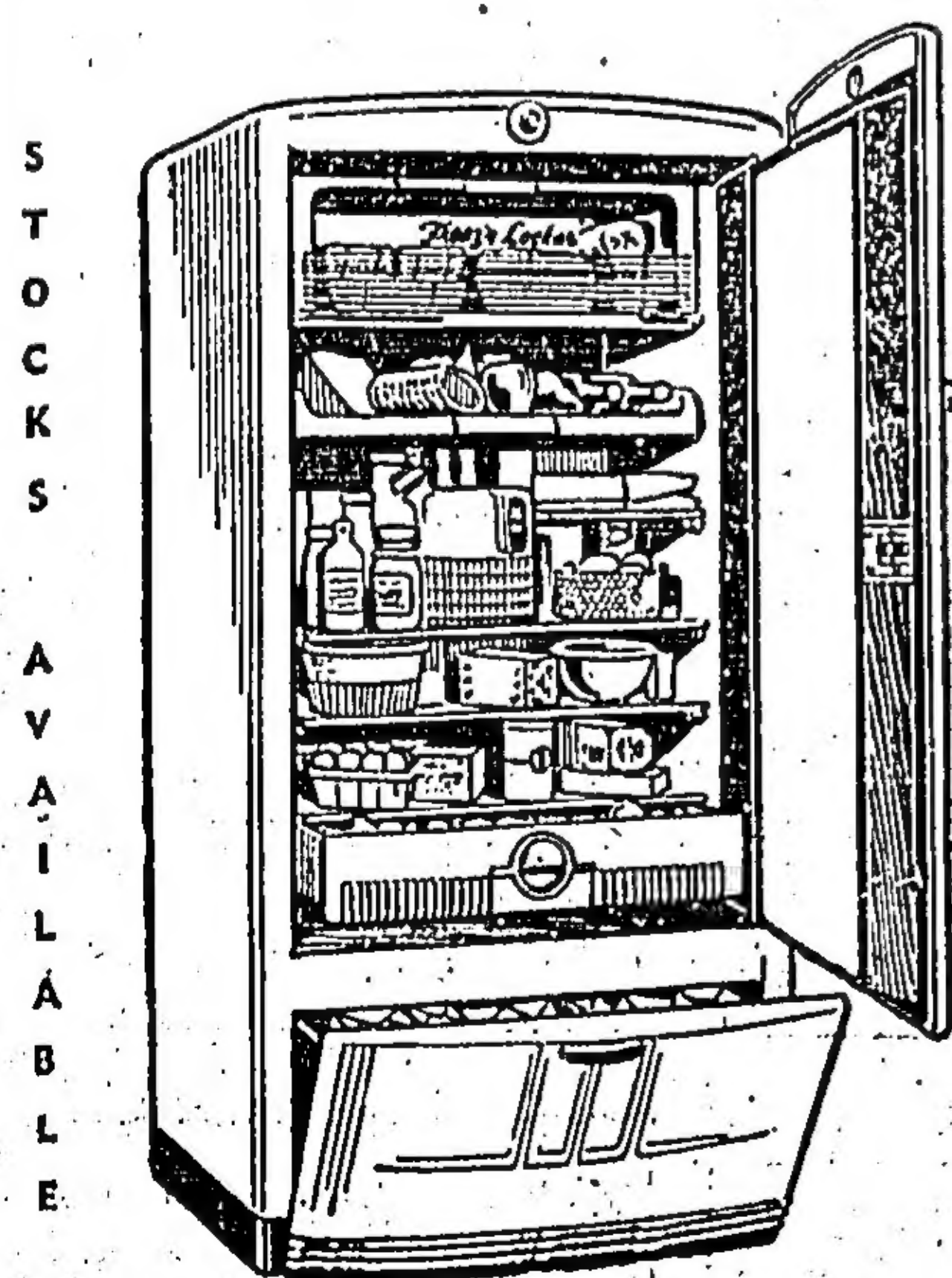
CELEBRATES IN FREEDOM'S NAME—Carlos Bernard of Mayaguez, Puerto Rico, is all set to celebrate Puerto Rico's 50th anniversary as a U.S. possession. The island was liberated from Spanish rule in 1898. Bernard decks his bicycle out with trimmings and flags for the occasion.



TAKE A BOW—Ferruccio Burco, eight-year-old Italian musical prodigy, takes a bow after conducting the New York Philharmonic Orchestra in a concert at Carnegie Hall, New York.

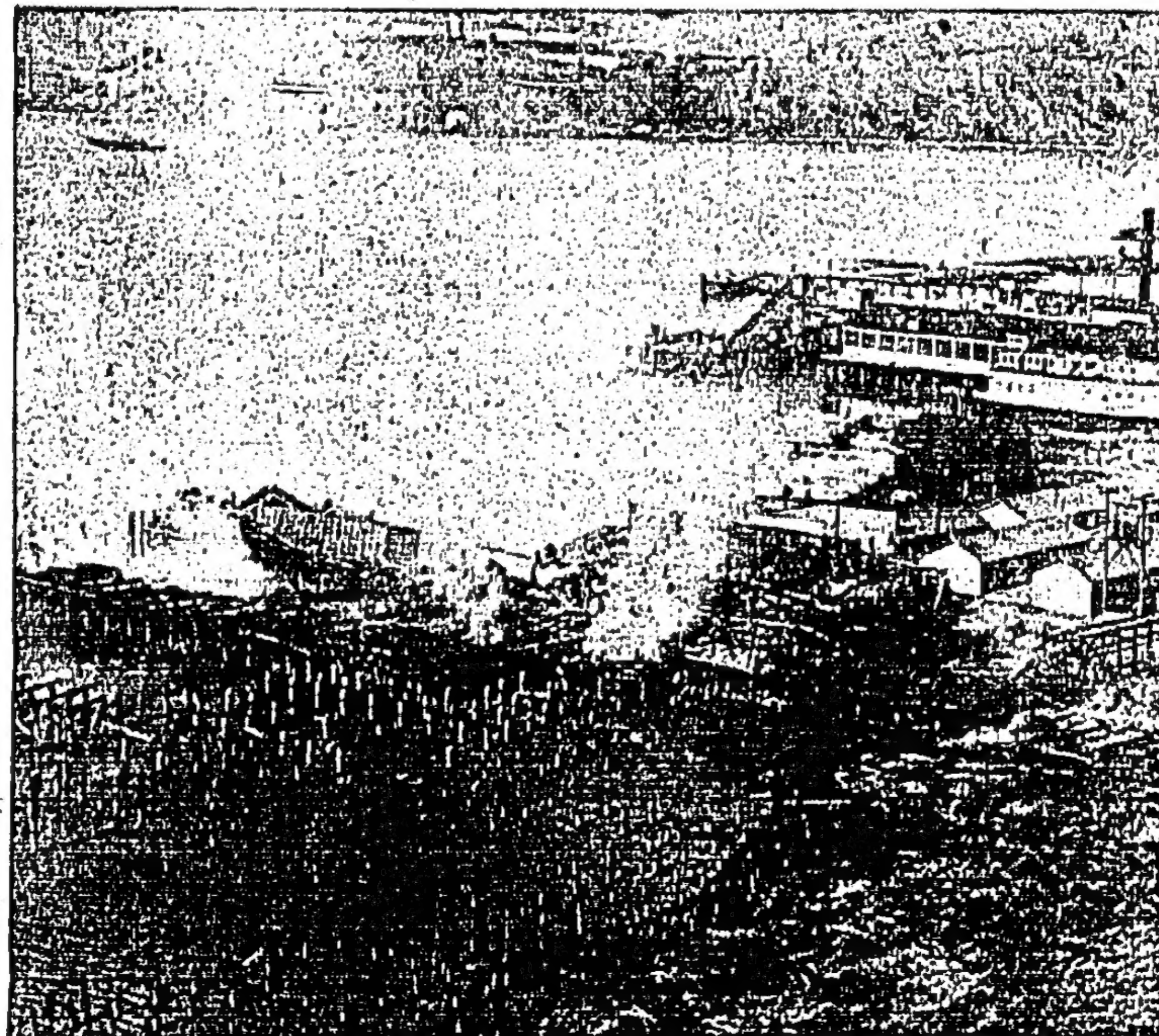


BREAD FOR THE HUNGRY—A Salvation Army truck distributes bread to eager Chinese at the Haining Road Market in Shanghai. Helping to relieve the food shortage, the Salvation Army there gives away each day 1,500 12-ounce loaves of "Men Tou" (steamed bread).



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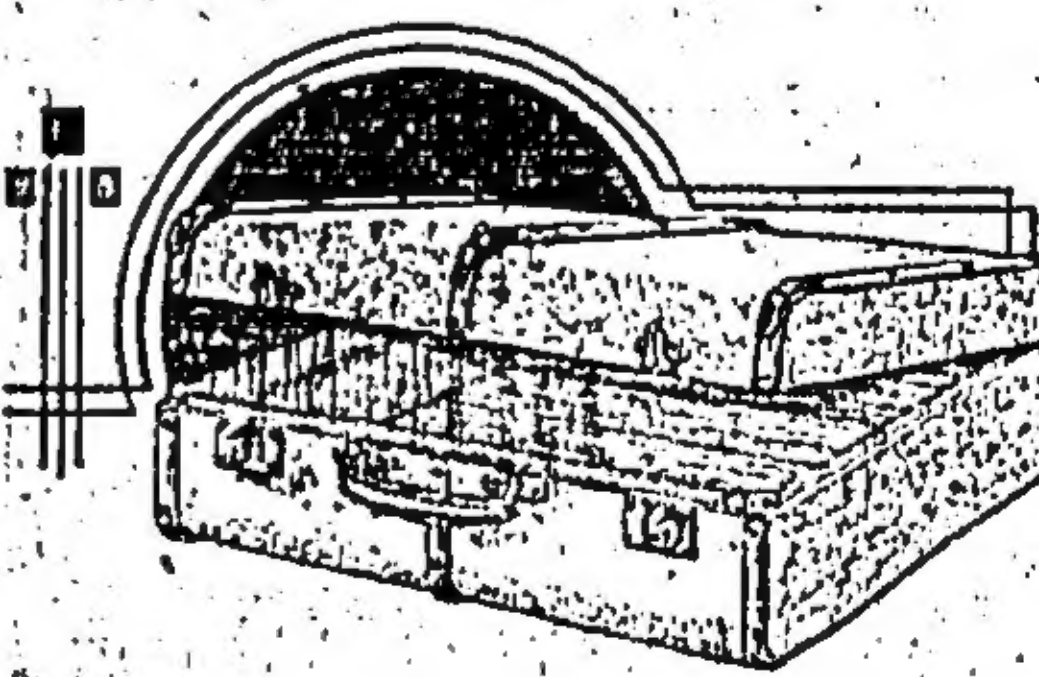
SMOKED FISH—That's about all that's left after a \$300,000 fish cannery fire at Bencla, California. The flames, fed by fish oil stored within the buildings, destroyed a two-block-long cannery. The fire was so badly out of control that firemen were afraid to risk using the city's drought-depleted water supply, and fireboats had to wait for the tide to rise to get in close enough.



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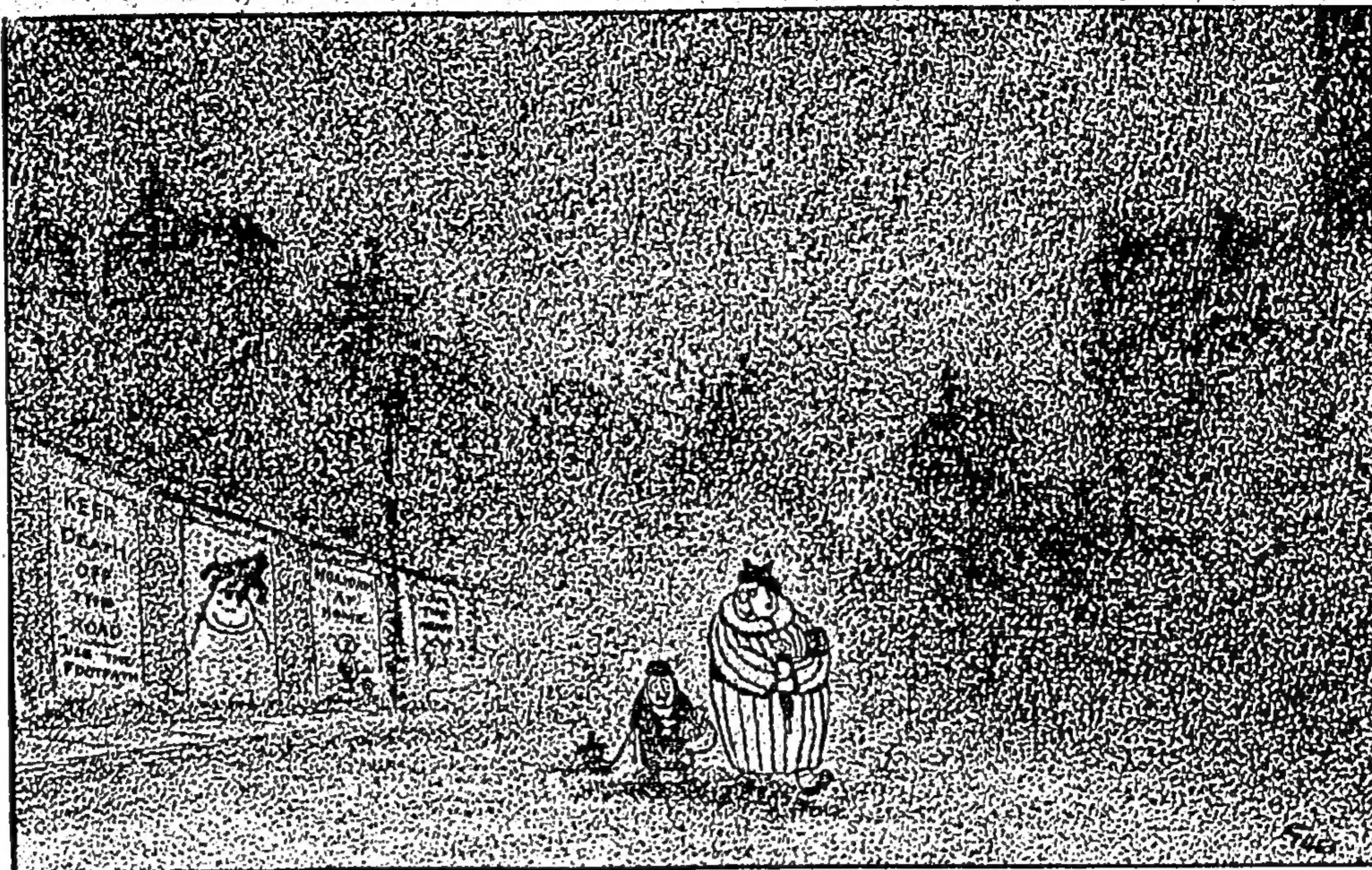
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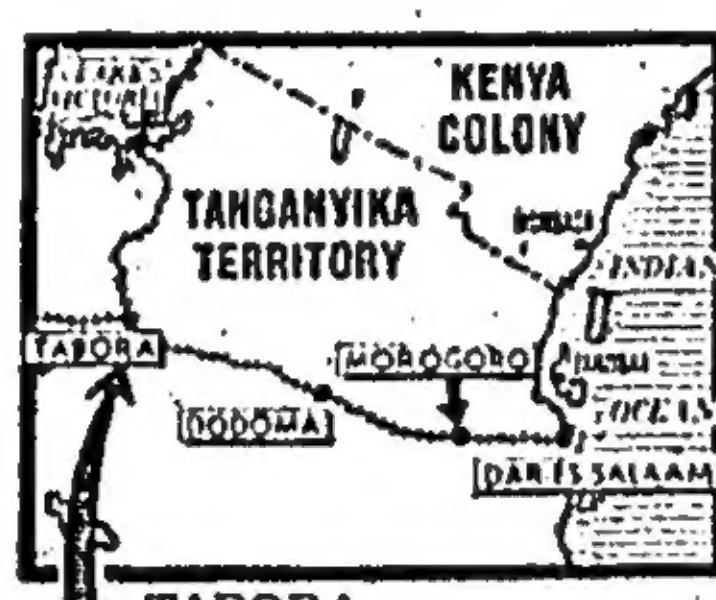
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TABORA.
Central Tanganyika.

At this point on the trail one thing becomes clear: this great East African Empire has no place to have a toothache. In all of Tanganyika, three times the size of Britain, there are seven dentists. There are likewise, over all the territory, 137 doctors.

The Government just acknowledged this, with a certain quiet pride. Should there be trouble from that broken-down bicuspid, it is the snake's blood and magic bones treatment for me.

Let it be said that the body and mind get equal treatment. In the whole of Tanganyika there is no European secondary school and enough primaries for only about half the children.

One mentions these and the following matters in no mood of criticism; only because when we talk of Colonial Development in Africa it is as well to know what it is we have to develop.

Development, and how to do it. Tanganyika, for instance, has just three railways, of which only two contrive to meet. It is as if Britain had a line from London to Bristol, and another from Grimsby to Manchester, and that was the finish. In this enormous lump of land there are fewer than 40 miles of metalled roads.

Waiting

To get from Dar-es-Salaam to Southern Rhodesia (and why shouldn't one, one feels like asking) you take a ship, if you can, to Beira, in Portuguese East Africa, and train on the one up-country line from there. It may take a week or two.

Or you may do as I have done—push off west 450 odd miles from Dar-es-Salaam to Morogoro and Dodoma, all along the old slave route, to catch the south-bound plane at Tabora. At Tabora, however, you stop.

For four days now I have been waiting in this almost exasperatingly uneventful place for transport across adjoining bits of the British Empire.

Four days? They smile at your fretfulness. The unit of time here is the week. Why, Livingstone lived here. Did he talk about days? This is Africa.

The Germans intended Tabora for their colonial capital. They laid it out in the likeness of a mighty administrative centre, with endless avenues and interminable prospects, and every-

Me... My Laundry
And Africa

JAMES CAMERON

sends this personal story lighting up
the problem of the 'darkest continent'

thing two miles from every-
thing else.

They were chased out, how-
ever, before anything particular
got built. And 29 years of
British mandate have let Africa
crawl back quite a bit.

Watching

SO I have had 96 hours of
watching the rain thud down
on the cocoa-coloured earth, of
frustrating the prying mantis,
who choose one's plate for their
devotions, of creeping at sun-
down behind a mosquito net
clotted with uncountable insects.

No napers for a week, no
radio. One can only think hard:
Africa, too, is important. This
great dull place may yet have
to take up where Europe leaves
off.

Tanganyika, for example,
chosen as the battle school for
our biggest emergency food
experiment, a little known coun-
try, is just one unit in the
British African plan. Whatever
economic, strategic, industrial
purpose it may one day serve
can hardly be fulfilled alone.

I speak as a licensed trader of
the country, if you can imagine
anything so bizarre.

A few days ago, to save flying
weight, I had to send a valise to
be picked up later at Nairobi—a
simple luggage-in-advance job.

I had to get, of all things, an
export licence. I had to fill forms
in quadruplicate. I had to nominate
and declare my poor parcel of un-
washed shirts and shorts. Because
my tinsome stuff was going from
Tanganyika to Kenya it could not
be SENT—it had to be EXPORTED,
with all that that means.

Past Performance

IT was just possible to dodge the
hurdle of most new business here,
the affair known as "Past Perfor-
mance."

"Past Performance" is the
criticism applied to applications.
If you want to sell gas ovens, how
many gas ovens did you sell last
year?

On that standard the case is
judged. And a valise of laundry
from one British town to another
British town needs an export
licence.

Somewhat one feels, as an ex-
porter in the most minimal way,
this cannot be good for trade.
Many people have made the
argument clear, economically at
least, for a United Dominion of
East Africa. At any rate, a
federation, an integration of area
affairs.

Geographically it would be far
less anomalous than, say, Pakis-
tan. Already it uses the same
currency and stamps, shares the

inadequacies of communications.
At the same time it lives in a
vague web of oblique loyalties and
prejudices.

Tanganyika—inclined to be
doubtful of Kenya as parvenu and
noisy.

Nyasaland—where the native
inhabitants grow tobacco.

Uganda—whatever goes on in
Uganda?

The idea of uniting these elements
—as preparatory to the inevitable
ultimate federation of all Africa,
British, Portuguese, French, from
east to west—is held to be neces-
sary to the Development we hear
so much about. But how badly
is this progress wanted?

Grumbling

THE one forward-looking thing
that has happened to Tang-
anyika in the past two score years,
the Groundnut Scheme, has had as
many kicks as compliments.

Paradoxically, local people fear
the threat of losing their labour
and at the same time scorn the
groundnutters for not using
more local skill. They suspect
this talk-of "uplift."

And if the groundnut plan is
bringing roads and railways and
harbours that were never here
before—well, why doesn't it bring
them more quickly?

Africa is not a place, it is a
state of mind.

It is also a pretty complex
society, not just to be judged
too glibly. Something will—some-
day have to be done to ration-
alise the three-cornered East
African mix-up—British for the
administration, Indians to control
the commerce, Africans to do the
labour; an uneasy triple stratifi-
cation imposed on an enormous
mass of the earth at which even
a wholly integrated people could
scratch and worry for years.

The Colonial Development Board
and the Overseas Food Corporation
control about £165,000,000 of
public money. They have labora-
tory conditions here for the crea-
tion one way or another of a new land,
and a new people, too.

From what I hear so faintly of
things abroad, the world could do
with both.

CURE
the criminal!Courts need the scientist's help to check
the crime wave, says CLAUD MULLINS

ARE criminal courts in Britain
doing their best in their
handling of criminals? In view
of the great increase in the
volume of crime, this question
needs to be answered.

In the years 1915-1919 the
average number of cases of
burglary before our courts was
189. In 1945 there were 530
such cases. The corresponding
figures for the serious crime of
felonious wounding were 66 and
211. For almost every serious
crime there are increases.

It would be unfair to put all the
blame for this state of affairs upon
our criminal courts. But our courts
could do a great deal more to pre-
vent crime than they are doing now.

WHAT SENTENCE?

As a nation we are proud of our
courts, and in regard to their
methods of trial we are justified.
But when we consider our methods
of deciding sentences, we have no
reason to be proud. On the con-
trary drastic reform is urgent.

The main defect in all our
criminal courts is that science is
not sufficiently called in aid before
sentences are passed.

In catching criminals and bringing
them to trial science is freely used.
Police laboratories and wireless are
making the life of a criminal more

and more dangerous. But when
courts have found criminals guilty,
they are mostly content with the
methods of pre-scientific times.

Few of them have yet learned
that science can help enormously
at the stage between verdict and
sentence, as well as at the stage
of detection. Some of those on
the Bench have scorned scientific
aid.

In a recent book Mr. Leo Page
says with considerable courage:
"Whatever be the cause of this
great increase in delinquency, the
fact seems to be plain that... the
criminal courts are not protecting
the life and property of the com-
munity with the maximum of
efficiency." And he gives the reason
with even greater courage: "There
is nothing whatever in the pro-
fessional education of a barrister
which will fit him to pass sentence."

The preponderance of the
judges of the country are not
required to possess, and do not
possess, the skill and the knowledge
they should have "in order to pass
such sentences as will prevent
criminals from remaining criminals.
Therefore they need scientific help.

These statements of Mr. Page are
true. Criminals are usually sentenced
in all courts a few minutes after
the verdict of guilty and in very
few cases is science called in to
advise. In the United States the
Federal judges have been planning
for some years how best to adjourn
serious cases after verdict so as to
obtain scientific help before sen-

OPINION: In a contribution to the
who-won-the-war argument,
which has broken out anew in
America, New York Times man
Drew Middleton says: "I am con-
vinced that Eisenhower was the
chief architect of victory."
Alexander was an equally great
soldier from the purely military
standpoint, though, like many
British generals, he lacked experi-
ence and interest in political
affairs."

TELEVISION: This autumn's pre-
sidential elections will be the
first in which campaigning will be
done by television. Studied tryouts
of the leading Tory candidates pro-
duced this result: Harold Stassen—
all right full face, but no good in
profile because of a prominent nose.
Governor Tom Dewey—good be-
cause his mousethete dramatizes his
face. Senator Robert Taft—the
sincerity which lights up his face
makes up for the drabness of his
voice. Senator Arthur Vandenberg
—grey hair and black eyebrows
make him intriguing.

CITY: Bankers are planning a
nation-wide publicity campaign to
end a tendency for them to be
portrayed as villains. Complained
banker William Stauffer, organizer
of the campaign: The gangster has
become the one for children and
young men to copy and the honest
man is the crook.

IDEAL: The ideal American of the
day, says 33-year-old Harold
Taylor, America's youngest Uni-
versity president, is one who "tells
all his secrets without being asked."
believes we should be prepared for
war with Russia, holds no political
view without prior consultation
with his employer, does not ask for
increases in wages, and is in favour
of peace, conscription, brotherhood,
and baseball."

ences are passed. Yet our criminal
courts continue content with ancient
methods.

What could science do at this
stage? There is an over-growing
number of medical psychiatrists who
have studied criminals. In London
there is the Institute for the
Scientific Study of Delinquency,
where such doctors are always
ready to help the Bench.

Most big hospitals now have a
psychological branch.

MIND PROBE

Medical experts in psychiatry can
explore the causes of a criminal's
acts and can suggest courses of
action that will be likely to prevent
a repetition of crime. They know
the extent to which unconscious
forces may have been a cause of the
criminal's act and, therefore, they
know how best to treat him.

Unless science can be brought in
after verdicts of guilty, the grim
number of cases with many previous
convictions and sentences cannot be
reduced. Every busy assize or
quarter sessions has cases where the
past records of criminals before the
court include a long series of sen-
tences, mostly short, and most of
which were unconstructive, merely
representing the court's assessment
of the gravity of each crime.

For some cases, like sexual
offenders and arson, scientific help
is needed for a first offence. In
all cases where a conviction is the third
or fourth, scientific advice is essen-
tial. Otherwise there can be no
reduction in the number of per-
sistent offenders.

Unless our methods for deciding
sentences are brought up to date
by the use of science, the power to
sentence may eventually be taken
away from our courts.

NANCY A-N-A's by the Bunch



LANDLORD, TENANT ACT CRITICISED

Lively Company Meeting

At the 55th Annual General Meeting of the Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Co., Ltd., held in the offices of Messrs Jardine Matheson & Co., Ltd., this morning, the Chairman, the Hon. D. F. Lam, reported that the important project of erecting a new building on the site known as 11 and 13 Queen's Road, Central, were being held up on account of certain legal proceedings between the tenant and the Company.

As the litigation was still proceeding he refrained from further remarks on this particular case, but made a few general observations on the working of the Landlord and Tenant Ordinance 1947, in regard to development schemes. There was no question, he said, that this Ordinance was having a detrimental effect on the progressive development of the Colony.

Mr. N. V. A. Croucher, rising to second the adoption of the report and accounts, also criticised the Ordinance. The net revenue from the Working Account was only slightly higher than that of 1947, but, he said, the answer to those who might raise an outcry on the rapacity of Landlords. In these days of inflation he could not think of any other form of business whose hands were tied to the same extent as were those of Landlords. The increase in the rents for which permission was given by Government in July last was clearly insufficient to meet the increased costs of operation, and in fairness Government should make further concessions to Landlords. The property owned by the Company was occupied in the main by business houses who could well afford additions to their rentals. The Company's properties in the Balance Sheet was \$18 million, a conservative increase of their present day value would be more in the region of \$60 million. On this the net returns, after allowing for amortisation and depreciation were approximately \$700,000, being an increase of only just over one percent. The Landlords therefore, in the case of this Company at least, were being used to subsidise the tenants, a state of affairs which he thought should be given due publicity.

DISCORDANT NOTE

Mr. Seth, addressing the meeting said: I seem to be in the unfortunate position to again strike a discordant note at our Annual General Meeting, but feel compelled to voice my dissatisfaction and the disappointment of a few small shareholders at the recommendations of the Board.

I realise the uselessness of bringing this matter up and only do so to discourage the directors from imagining that shareholders approve of their policy. We don't approve and, if the majority of smaller shareholders felt they were free to express their views, able spokesmen than myself would tell them so. For the year ended December 31, 1947, the capital profit of approximately \$1,122,000 was realised and for the year 1947, \$3,398,000, making for the two years, in round figures, \$4,520,000. Not only are shareholders deprived of participation in this windfall but 10 per cent from the recommended dividend will be deducted. This deduction appears to me particularly nagging, being approximately \$103,000, just over three per cent of the profit on forty-four pence per share. Surely, Sir, this sum could be borne by the Company.

EXPLANATIONS SOUGHT

There are a few items in the accounts I should like you to explain.

1.—In arriving at the Managing Director's Commission, is the deduction to Amortisation of Crown Leases, \$15,655; and depreciation of buildings, \$343,757, deducted before calculating the Commission? If not, why not?

2.—For what purpose has the Contingency Reserve been created?

3.—What amount has been written off Renewals and Renovations, and am I correct in assuming that amount has been charged to the various properties? If so, I should like to be informed of the amount written off. May I suggest that, in future, the sum written off be separately shown in the Profit and Loss Account?

4.—I presume Repairs are charged to the Working Accounts of the properties incurring the expenditure. Before concluding my remarks on the Accounts, I should like to suggest that the capital of the Company be increased to bring it more into line with the Fixed Assets. At December 31, 1947, the Capital was \$9,924,575, and the Fixed Assets were \$18,420,410.

In view of the fact that the General Reserve and Premium on shares are unlikely to be distributed, I suggest for the consideration of the Board that the major portion of these Reserves be Capitalised by the issue of Bonus shares.

BONUS SUGGESTED

Under the Articles, shareholders are precluded from declaring a larger dividend than that recommended by the Directors and, not being in possession of the Articles, I do not know if this applies to an increase in bonus to staff so hesitate to formally propose a resolution, but will ask that the Board consider the payment of \$10,000 as a special bonus out of the balance proposed to be carried forward. The bonus recommended by the Board is the same as voted for 1946, when the profit was considerably less, and as the larger profit must, in a great measure, be due to the work of the staff, I suggest it is only fair they should participate in the increase.

PAULA BY DENNIS WHEATLEY

Death is averted, the studio make-up expert finds the antidote in his laboratory.



Fish Laans Case Ends Abruptly

ACCUSED PLEAD GUILTY & ARE SENTENCED

"I agree with Mr Shaftain that corruption in this Colony is rife everywhere," remarked Mr Clifford at Central this morning when the Fish Laans Case, which commenced on March 22, came to a dramatic end.

Pleas of guilty by all four Fishery Inspectors, to some of the charges were accepted by Mr F. W. Shaftain, Senior Police Superintendent in charge of the Anti-Corruption Branch, who conducted the prosecution.

First accused, Chan Kun-kau, represented by Mr Brook A. Bernacchi (instructed by Messrs J. M. d'Almada Remedios & Co.) was sentenced to two years on charges of conspiring with others, between January 3 and 21, 1948, to permit the unlawful sale of marine fish at Central Market; accepting a bribe of \$1,180 from Lau To on or about December 3, 1947; and accepting another bribe of \$80 from To Tai on or about September 3.

The second accused, Kwok Muk-hot, 39, received similar sentence for the same charge of conspiracy and accepting the \$80 bribe.

Lee Kai-wan, 23, and Tso Wai-hin, 25, were given six months on the conspiracy charge.

The second, third and fourth accused were defended by Mr J. C. Stewart.

Mr Shaftain accepted pleas of not guilty by the accused to two other charges of conspiracy to obtain money to permit the landing and sale of fresh marine fish.

MAGISTRATE'S REMARKS
In passing sentence, the Magistrate said: "Because of the good characters of the accused (especially on the part of the third and fourth accused), one of the most unpleasant duties a magistrate can have is to sentence people who have up to this time such good references as to character. But having heard so many days of evidence, I cannot help saying the extent and damage of this conspiracy, seeing that all of the accused were in a position of trust upon which the whole fishery scheme depended. Their sole pay and duty were to enforce that scheme but in fact they did the opposite. Both the first and second accused were the ring leaders in this conspiracy and I think they are lucky that this evidence came up summarily and not on indictment. I think the third and fourth accused came in later on this scheme but I think they agreed to it and fitted into the scheme without any trouble at all with full knowledge."

"I do agree with Mr Shaftain that corruption in this Colony is rife everywhere, and it is up to the Court, when such corruption is exposed, to make it quite clear that anyone who is running a colossal risk and if they get caught they will not be let off. I sentence the first and second accused to the maximum of two years and I think it all with full knowledge."

CHAIRMAN'S REPLY
Replying to Mr Seth, the Chairman said that the Board would make a note of his remarks. As regards his first question, he explained that the Commission was calculated in accordance with the Articles. He could not give details without due notice, but if Mr Seth would see him after the meeting he would endeavour to clear up the matter.

In respect of the second question, the Chairman said he did not consider it in the interests of the Company or the Shareholders for these details to be given publicly, but if any Shareholder cared to see him privately after the meeting, he would give the necessary information.

Regarding the amount written off renewals and renovations, the Chairman explained that a lot of the renovations had been capitalised, and some written off in accordance with the life of the building.

Ordinary day to day repairs were charged to the Working Account, not items like war damage.

Major C. W. L. Way associated himself with Mr Seth's remarks, and added the suggestion that Shareholders benefit from the profit on sale of property by the issue of a bonus of say \$1, which would increase the dividend by about \$300,000, which would hardly affect the future building development of the Company.

The Chairman said that the Board would consider the suggestion.

The report and accounts, on being put to the meeting, were passed.

they deserve more. I had a mind to sentence the third and fourth accused to nine months but because of their excellent characters I now give them six months each."

POLICE COMMENDED

Commending the Police, Mr Clifford said, "I would also like to mention how very much thought of the Police work in this case. Obviously it involved very, very many hours. Particularly Inspector Johnston must be congratulated on everything he has done in this case."

Following pleas in mitigation by the defence Counsel, evidence of character was given on behalf of Tso by Major E. G. Stewart, Headmaster of St Paul's College, who said he had known the accused since childhood and would have trusted him with anything under any circumstances. Tso was a former member of No. 3 Company of the HKVDC.

Other evidence of good character was given on behalf of the first accused by his wife and a friend while Mr Stewart submitted testimonials from the US Army and Mr K. M. A. Barnett, O/C of the 4th Battery, HKVDC regarding the characters of the third and fourth accused.

Alleged Illegal Radio Stations

Two more illegal wireless stations were discovered in Kowloon today, making the total of five raided by the authority during this month.

The two stations were located at 373, Nathan Road, second floor, and 5, Tak Hing Street.

Leung Chi-ming, 28, a wireless and telephone operator at the first address was brought before Mr Latimer at Kowloon today on charges of maintaining an illegal wireless station and possession of apparatus. He was remanded for three days on a bail of \$10,000.

The raid on the station at Tak Hing Street resulted in the arrest of Lam Kwong, 34, unemployed, charged also before Mr Latimer today with possession of radio communication apparatus and Ho Yiu-tung, 40, unemployed, accused of being the occupier of the premises in which illegal wireless equipments were installed. These two men were remanded for two days on a bail of \$5,000 each.

Round-world Flyer Delayed

Capt A. A. Mansfield, who is flying solo round the world in a 210 horsepower Percival Proctor three-seater aircraft and who was expected to arrive in Hongkong this morning, is still in Shanghai, as far as could be ascertained this morning, and his arrival here will be delayed 24 hours.

Capt. Mansfield is attempting to fly round the world in 9½ days, following the official route marked out by the Federation Aeronautique Internationale, the governing body for air records. The route, covering 25,328 miles, is from London through Iceland, United States, the Aleutians, Japan, China, Siam, India and France.

A former New Zealand fighter pilot, Capt. Mansfield is 28 years old. His plane is named "Windmill Girl."

Only 1.84 Ins Of Rain

Just less than two inches of rain fell between midnight and noon today, according to Royal Observatory readings.

The actual rainfall registered was 46.7 millimetres, which is equivalent to 1.84 inches.

The forecast points to only light drizzle this afternoon with the weather clearing towards the evening.

Demand For \$1,000 Leads To Prison

Sentence of nine months' hard labour was imposed on Lai Chai, 33, unemployed, by Mr d'Almada at Central this morning for attempting to demand \$1,000 from Lai Min on March 17.

Det. Insp. Hui Hung-cheung said on the evening of March 17, defendant together with four others not in custody went to the complainant at the Central Market and asked for \$1,000 as "lucky money". When the complainant refused, it was alleged that defendant threatened to cause him a lot of trouble and left. Defendant returned the following morning and was arrested.

Complainant in evidence said he was the master of the Tsui Yuen fruit stall in Central Market. Some time in 1940 he married a clanswoman Lai Chun in the country, and a daughter was born to the couple in January 1947.

Defendant and four men came to his stall on March 17 and demanded for \$1,000 as lucky money. When he refused, defendant threatened to kill him.

When defendant came at 9 a.m. on March 18, he was found by Lai Mo Butcher and started to blow a Police whistle. A Police constable arrived and took the defendant to Central.

Death Sentence For PC Slayer

London, Apr. 20.—The first death sentence, since the House of Commons last week decided to abolish capital punishment for murder, was passed tonight on Donald George Thomas, 22-year old Army deserter, found guilty of slaying a police constable.

The judge said: "The sentence of the court upon you is the sentence prescribed by law—namely, that you suffer death by hanging." The sentence, however, will not be carried out. It will be commuted to penal servitude for life.

When the Bill abolishing the death penalty for murder for five years becomes law, the sentence will be reduced simply to "imprisonment". In passing sentence, the judge—for the first time at a conviction for murder—did not wear the accustomed black cap.—Reuter.

TWO EUROPEAN VAGRANTS

Two European seamen, William George, 29, and Karl Backman, 22, were committed to the House of Detention by Mr d'Almada at Central this morning for being vagrants in the Colony.

Sub-Ins. R. H. Woodhead of the Immigration Department asked the Court to detain the defendants until such time as the Authorities could obtain passage on a ship for their removal from the Colony.

"They Swore At Me" Complaint

Berlin, Apr. 20.—Colonel Alexis Yelizarov, the Soviet Deputy Commandant of Berlin, accused his British and American colleagues at today's session of the four Deputy Commandants of the city of "swearing" at him instead of finding logical answers to his statements.

The Soviet representative answered the Western Deputies' criticism of the present enormous backlog of parcel post, which is piling up in Berlin post offices because of the Russian refusal to move it out of the city.

In partial explanation, he said that the present system of parcel post despatch violated an Allied Control Authority ruling forbidding the movement of rationed foodstuffs from the city.—Reuter.

Good Year For Vibro Piling Co.

Dividend And Bonus

A dividend of fifty cents per share and a bonus of \$3 per share, distributed in the form of new shares credited as fully paid-up, were announced at the 13th Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders of the Vibro Piling Co., Ltd. held at York Building yesterday.

Major S. M. Churn, Chairman, said:

It is a source of great pleasure to me to be able to refer to the Profit & Loss Account for the period under review and to point out that it shows a net profit of \$102,000 after making full provision for Depreciation, Directors' Fees and Corporation Profits Tax.

I think this very excellent showing fully justifies the faith I had in our Company when at our last meeting I observed that, all things being equal, we should get a very fair share of such piling work as may be offering.

Turning to the Balance Sheet, I think the glowing result of the period renders unnecessary any lengthy explanations for the very considerable sum of \$255,775 which has been expended on Plant and Machinery during the period, beyond remarking that, without the expert knowledge of our Technical Manager, Mr Blackmore, it is very questionable whether we would ever have been able to put together the bits of plant and equipment which we recovered on the re-occupation of the Colony, into two first-class working units with very many more useful years of life before them. The rehabilitated plant, as well as the new one which was imported towards the end of last year, have all been engaged in piling work almost unrelentingly. If we can continue to obtain work at the rate we are doing just now, another excellent showing at the end of this year seems assured.

CAPITAL INCREASE

Our Investment on First Mortgage in the sum of \$25,000 has since been re-paid, and of the amount of Sundry Debtors shown at \$70,100, only \$17,150 remains outstanding in the "retention" monies on completed contracts.

As announced in the press some time ago, your Directors have considered the question of increasing the capital of the Company to such an extent as to enable operations to be carried out without having to resort immediately to overdraft facilities which the Company enjoys with its Bankers. The Board will soon offer to shareholders one new share at par for every four shares held after taking into account the issue of the bonus shares. The offer forms will be circulated to shareholders in due course.

With these observations, Gentlemen, I formally propose the adoption of the Report and Accounts as presented; and further

1. That a dividend of 50c per share absorbing \$10,150 be paid, 2. That a bonus of \$3.00 per share on the 22,300 issued shares of the Company be and the same is hereby declared; and that the Directors be and they are hereby authorised to satisfy such bonus by the distribution of 22,300 ordinary shares of the Company, Nos. 32,301 to 54,600 (inclusive) credited as fully paid-up amongst the persons who on the 21st day of April 1948 were registered as holders of the 22,300 shares of the Company at the rate of one share for every four shares of the Company held by such person as aforesaid and in satisfaction of such bonus as aforesaid, and that such shares shall rank for dividend pari passu with the existing shares.

3. That there be carried forward to a new Profit & Loss Account the sum of \$9,705.28.

The motion was seconded by Mr H. D. S. Page and was carried unanimously.

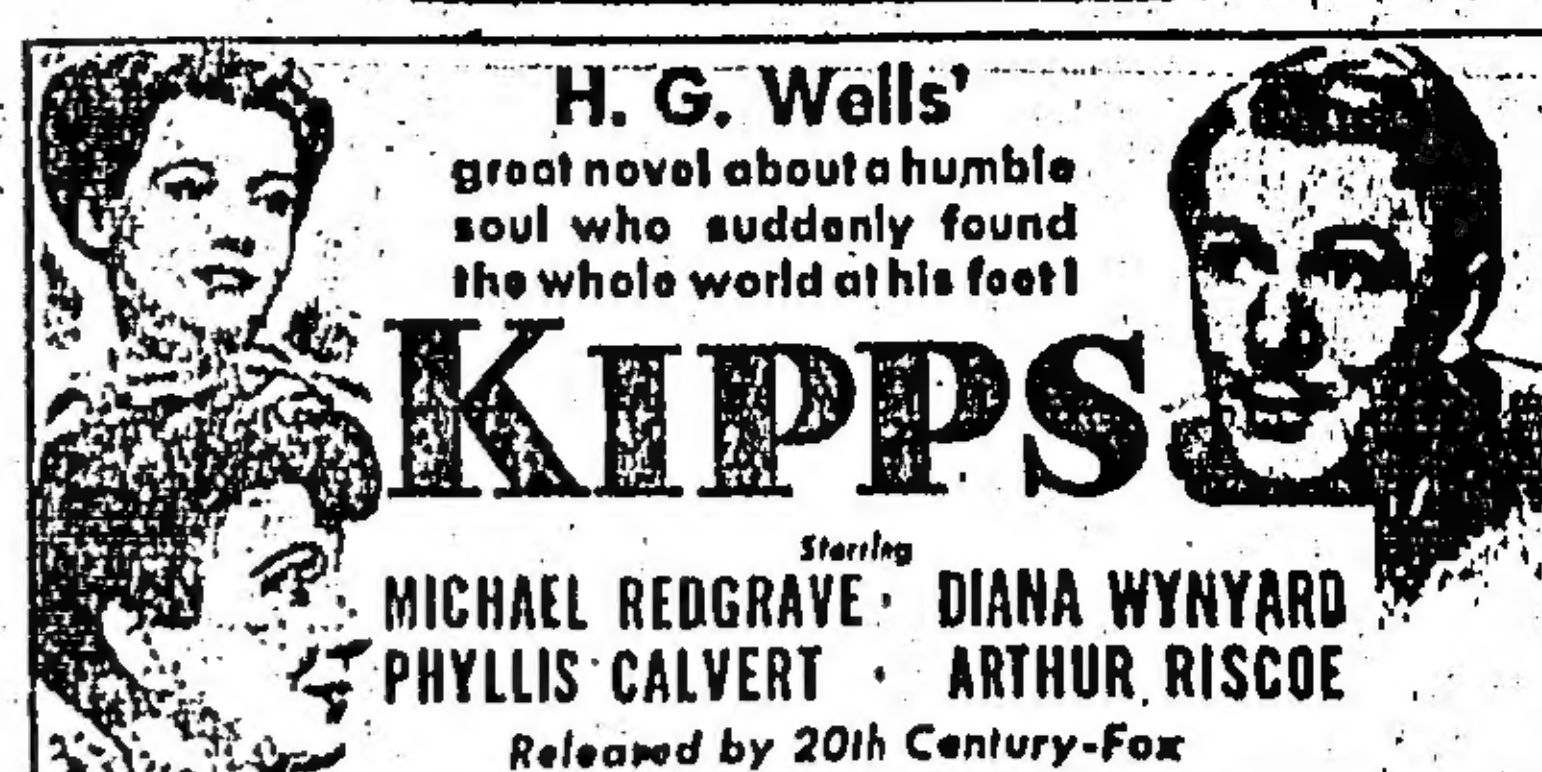
OTHER BUSINESS

Sir Robert Kotewall was re-elected a Director on the motion of Mr F. E. d'Almada Remedios, seconded by Mr E. W. Blackmore, and Messrs Lowe, Bingham & Matthews were re-elected Auditors on the motion of Mr E. J. M. Churn seconded by Mr Lam Shu-chuen.

Directors present were, Major S. M. Churn (Chairman), Mr J. J. Enago, Sir Robert Kotewall and Mr F. E. d'Almada Remedios (Secretary).

Shareholders present were Messrs W. W. Blackmore, E. J. M. Churn, H. D. S. Page & Lam Shu-chuen.

SHOWING **KING'S** AT 2.30, 5.15, 7.20 & 9.30 p.m.



CENTRAL THEATRE
TO-DAY AT 2.30, 5.15, 7.15 & 9.15 P.M.



ORIENTAL
FINAL SHOWINGS TO-DAY: 2.30—5.15—7.20—9.20 P.M.
A CHINESE PICTURE IN MANDARIN DIALOGUE.
"SECRET AGENT NO. 1"



TO-DAY ONLY **Cathay** At 2.30, 5.20, 7.20 & 9.20 p.m.

RISING IN TERRIFYING SUSPENSE! CRASHING WITH SHATTERING IMPACT!
Charles LAUGHTON Ella RAINES in **"SUSPECT"**

TO-MORROW ONE DAY ONLY THE STORY OF A WOMAN **"SMASH - UP"**
Susan HAYWARD Loo BOWMAN in

ROME STOCK EXCHANGE

Rome, Apr. 20.—All industrial stocks made strong gains today, reversing the downward trend which reached an all-time low immediately before the election because of fears of a Communist victory.

Montecatini Chemicals were up 44 to 337 lire. Kerol Electrical gained 65 to 520 lire, while Fiat Motors gained 41 lire to reach 440.—United Press.

Excess Passengers

The master of a motor junk was fined \$100 or one month by Mr Colmans at the Marine Court this morning for carrying seven passengers in excess of his permit.

The coxswain of a motor junk was fined \$200 or two months for carrying 43 excess passengers.

Princess's Birthday
The Heiress Presumptive to the Throne, HRH Princess Elizabeth, is 22 years' old today. She was born on April 21, 1926.

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VISITORS IMPRESS

By "RECORDER"

Java's Second Best A Match For Ip

TSUIS IN FINE FORM

Though they did not come near to swamping their Hongkong opposition in the exhibition tennis matches on the HKCC courts yesterday afternoon, Java's Chinese tennis left the suggestion behind them that the standard in Java is higher than it is here.

They were playing on grass, a bit of an adventure in adjustment for players used to hard courts, and were recuperating also from a sea voyage that had not been smooth sailing all the way.

Yet, Java's Chinese second string, Tam Lip-chiao, who comes from Piliat in the island's interior, took the second set of his exhibition game against the Colony Champion, Ip Koon-hung, at 6-3 after losing the first at 4-6. It was evident that he was only getting into his stride and would have started favourite in a third set.

In fairness to Ip it must be said that he wasn't at his best. Tam's game, radically different in style from anything he had met in local tennis, put him off and he seemed non-plussed on how to deal with a fast forehand topspin against which advances to the net were a risky business.

In the doubles exhibition against the reigning Java Doubles Champions, the brothers Lee Boon-swan and Lee Boon-sing, who came from Sourabaya, the Colony's Doubles Champions, the Tsui brothers, were rock-steady and outlasted the Lees' shock tactics to win at 7-5, 6-2.

MISS TAM V. MISS KENT

Miss Dawn Kent, the Colony Ladies' Singles Champion, won easily at 6-2 against Miss Tam Kien-sich of Cheribon, the Java first string. Miss Tam had been put off more than the others by the sea trip and it was a sporting gesture on her part that she turned out for one set.

However, in a game with both players at their best I would say the odds remain in Miss Kent's favour. Miss Tam had little variety to her strokes and her drives lacked the sting that Miss Kent imparted to hers. Possibly Miss Tam would have had a more forceful service were she in top condition and it would have been better.

The Java champion had the first service and led 40-15, then taking the game after one deuce was called. Miss Kent ached her on her first service and again on the sixth, but one deuce was again called before she took the game.

In the third game, Miss Kent out-drove her opponent and took the next one as well, one deuce being called in either game. The fifth game went to three deuces but Miss Kent took the lead 4-1 and the sixth on her own service, that included one more ace, with the loss of only one point.

The seventh game went to Miss Tam after one deuce and the last to Miss Kent, who ached her opponent for the second, out-drove her for the third, conceded a point on a double fault and won the last one when Miss Tam drove out of court.

TAM V. IP

The game between Tam and Ip gave the gallery its money's worth. It was a struggle between two different types of strategy.

Ip played his usual follow-up to the net game after a hard drive, varying his strokes and winning points on good placing.

Tam was a hard driver on the forehand. His backhand lacked sting, but he placed the ball well on it and forced a defensive lob in return. Ip tried to overcome this by catching the ball at the net but it was never a certainty that he could judge it well enough at an angle and he lost points in trying.

Tam found it difficult in the early stages of the first set to adjust his stroke for the rebound from the grass for topspin returns and the ball kept lodging in the net some three or four inches short of over.

Tam led 30-love on his own service in the first game but conceded it after one deuce. Ip took the next game to love, aching his opponent on the third service.

In the third game Tam was already adjusting himself to a pile-driver type of topspin that just skimmed the net and was hard to return. He took the game at 50-30.

Ip's initial response to the topspin drive was an effort to give the Java player a minimum opportunity for the stroke and in some hard-driving volleys he managed to bring the score to two-all off his opponent's service.

Tam lacked a good ceiling service but his fast-rising net skimmers were not easy to kill and Ip's long lobs in return played to his forehand. When he held his length his topspin drive remained a winner and he took the fifth game at 50-15 to lead 2-1.

On his own service Ip took the next game after one deuce for three-all. The last few games of the set were scrappy, Ip, though he

was as erratic as his opponent, taking the seventh, eighth and tenth for the set.

SECOND SET

In the second set Tam was very much master of his game and took the first three in a row for the loss of only four points. His topspin was more and more effective and Ip's attempts to catch it low off the grass for a place return lost out for the fact that the rebound was difficult to judge.

The Colony Champion took the fourth game on his own service and the fifth as Tam overplayed his best stroke. The Java player varied his game at this stage and showed up another winner in his repertoire by responding to Ip with drop shots that were killing as his drives. He took the sixth and seventh game, conceding only three points, lost the eighth on Ip's service and took the ninth for the set.

LEES V. TSUIS

Sourabaya's Lee brothers could have been a match for Hongkong's Tsuis had the latter not been very near their best. They opened up with a hurricane offensive to lead three-one and the gallery was treated to as fine an exhibition of doubles play at this stage as it has seen in a long time.

The Lees were tops at the net, relying more on net play than the Tsuis score on smashes, but the Tsuis were then matched them in net play and took the edge off the offensive.

The Lees still led 4-2 and at 5-4. The Tsuis were steady up and took the last three games in a row for the set.

In the second set the Lees hit a bad patch and the Tsuis responded by taking the offensive, leading 4-1 and annexing set at 6-2.

A feature of the doubles game was Lee Boon-swan's non-let-up in his attempts at a ace. His second service was as fast as his first and he held a distinct advantage in keeping to these tactics.

THE SCORES

Results were: Miss Dawn Kent (Hongkong) beat Miss Tam Kien-sich (Cheribon) 6-2.

Ip Koon-hung (Hongkong) shared two sets with Tam Lip-chiao (Piliat) 6-4, 3-6.

Tsui Wai-pui and Tsui Yun-pui (Hongkong) beat Lee Boon-swan and Lee Boon-sing (Sourabaya) 7-5, 6-2.

TODAY'S MATCHES

On the Stand Court to-day Lee Wai-long and P. T. Hsu will meet Ip Koon-hung and Paul Kong in the quarter-finals of the Colony's Doubles Championship. The umpire will be Mr G. W. Sewell.



AND THE EXCELLENT PROSPECTS OF THE LAST RACE

CHANGE IN VENUE

Paris, Apr. 20.—The international six-days motor cycling trials will now be held in Italy, beginning September 10, instead of in Czechoslovakia.

The International Motor Cycle Federation, announcing this change, said the Czechoslovakia Motor Cycle Federation declined to organise the event.—Reuter.

BROOKLYN GETS NEW BACKSTOP



Jackie Robinson (left), who played first base for the Brooklyn Dodgers last season, gives a few pointers to rookie Roy Campanella (right) at the Vero Beach, Florida, training camp of the Dodgers. Campanella went to Brooklyn from Montreal and is slated to see action with the team this season.—AP Wirephoto.

BASEBALL

BROOKLYN DODGERS BEAT GIANTS IN FEATURE GAME

New York, Apr. 20.—In the National League, the Brooklyn Dodgers defeated the New York Giants in the feature of the big opening day schedule.

Third baseman Billy Cox hit a two run homer for the Dodgers in the eighth inning, driving in Larry Jansen.

The Philadelphia Phillies edged out the Boston Braves behind the six-hit pitching of Dutch Leonard. Shortstop Eddie Miller broke a one to one tie with a sixth inning home run.

Second baseman Bascall's sixth inning homer gave the Pittsburgh Pirates a three to two victory over the Chicago Cubs. Homers accounted for four of the game's five runs. Rip Sewell, Pirate hurler, helped his own winning cause by belting a homer in the third. Left fielder Phil Cagarrini had a two run homer for the Cubs in the fourth.

Cincinnati's defence cracked in the third, helping the Cardinals to three runs and the St. Louis team went on to blank out the Reds 4-0. Two bad fielding plays by rookie shortstop Virgil Stallcup figured in the scoring.

In the American League, Bob Feller blanked the Saint Louis Browns with two hits as the Cleveland Indians won their opening league game 4-0.

Catcher Jim Hegan rapped a two run homer for the Indians in the fourth inning.

The scores were:

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	R	H	E
Brooklyn	5	11	0
New York	0	8	0
(Winning pitcher Rex Barney)	1	0	0
Boston	3	3	0
Philadelphia	3	3	0
(Winning pitcher Dutch Leonard)	2	0	0
Chicago	2	6	0
Pittsburgh	3	8	0
(Winning pitcher Rip Sewell)	1	0	3
Cincinnati	0	10	3
Saint Louis	0	2	2
(Winning pitcher Murry Dickson)	4	1	0

AMERICAN LEAGUE

	R	H	E
Saint Louis	0	2	2
Cleveland	4	1	0
(Winning pitcher Bob Feller)	—	—	—

CHESS

OPENINGS TURN IRREGULAR

Moscow, Apr. 20.—Samuel Reshevsky opened with the irregular Reti-English game against Max Euwe in the 15th round of the World Championship Tourney which began here to-day.

Euwe was having a good game at the expense of a backward pawn when a general exchange of all pieces leading to a rook end-game resulted in a draw being agreed.

Paul Keres opened with QP against Botvinnik, but after being confronted with P-K4 in reply switched over to the Tarrasch variation of the French Defence.

There followed difficult positional play with Keres trying a king's side attack and developing a weak pawn on K3. Both players were in time trouble, Botvinnik winning the pawn in a lightning game.

Play was adjourned in an end-game of queens and rooks with Botvinnik having some winning chances with a pawn up.—United Press.

Weiss Enters

Karel Weiss, one of the Colony's leading players, third-place winner in the Colony Championship in 1940 and again in 1941, is among the entries for the Colony Reserve Tournament which commences early next month.

Weiss's entry is the second Senior one for the Reserve Tournament. He was away from the Colony when the preliminary tournaments started for the Colony Championship, and could not compete.

With a field that includes L. Karpovich, Colony Champion in 1941, and Weiss, and with a possibility of other top-flight entries, the Reserve Tournament should be particularly strong.

Other entries to date are Arthur Gomez, V. V. Kolachoff, Jacob Ramler, R. Segalen and S. S. Shave. Closing date for entries is Saturday and these should be addressed to Mr R. C. Gardner, The Bosco Corporation, Prince's Building.

BADMINTON

Challengers Fade Out

There were three close struggles for game point in yesterday's Colony Badminton Championship matches at the Club de Recreio but challengers faded out without any match going to three games.

In the Senior Singles, C. Au led seeded Patrick Wong 13-8 in the first game only to have the ex-champion win 10 points in a row on a single service. He was swamped in the second game at 15-4.

Wong was in grand form with his cross-court drop shots and will be a formidable challenge to University's S. A. Vanar in the semi-final.

RESULTS

SENIOR SINGLES
S. A. Vanar (University) beat D. Kwok (St John's) 15-7, 15-5.
Patrick Wong (Sing Tao) beat C. Au (Sing Tao) 15-13, 15-4.

JUNIOR DOUBLES
W. K. Ying (Chinese YMCA) and S. C. Liang (Chung Wah) beat J. L. Anderson and A. L. Fisher (KCC) 15-4, 15-17.

K. S. Tiang and T. H. Choo beat C. Y. S. and W. K. Yung 15-0, 15-11.
S. Saul and W. Gilles (KCC) beat H. A. Barros and P. A. Yvanovich (Recreio) 15-15, 15-3.

TONIGHT'S GAMES

Tonight's programme, at the Kowloon Cricket Club, is:
7.30 p.m. (Junior Men's Doubles)
A. Ho & K. F. Chiu v. W. K. Ying & S. C. Liang.

8.00 p.m. (Junior Men's Doubles)
A. D. Brown & J. A. Soares v. A. Boyot & F. M. Ribeiro.
8.30 p.m. (Mixed Doubles) R. Tay & Miss W. Cheung v. W. C. Chung & Mrs. Chung.

9.00 p.m. (Junior Men's Doubles)
W. Lawrence & C. Quinn v. S. Saul & W. Gilles.
9.30 p.m. (Mixed Doubles) R. Young & Miss U. Khoo v. W. F. Foo & Mrs. T. W. Tso.

HOME FOOTBALL

Charlton Stave Off Relegation

London, Apr. 20.—Charlton Athletic, by scoring a brilliant win against Burnley tonight, made sure of retaining a place in the First Division for the next season.

Thirty thousand spectators watched the game which produced no goals until the first few minutes of the second half, when Vaughan in as many minutes, netted two.

Charlton's defence was brilliant and this inspired their attack as the game progressed.

One of the highlights came when Bartram in Charlton's goal saved a penalty taken by Bray.

In a Scottish League "A" Division match played tonight, Queen's Park beat Alfretonians by two goals to one.—Reuter.

RUGGER RESULTS

London, Apr. 20.—The following were the results of rugger games played to-day:

Rugby Union
Devonport Services 6 Gloucester 8.
Rugby League
Rochdale Hornets 10 Swinton 0.—Reuter.

COUNTY CRICKET

By ARCHIE QUICK

Where Ends Do Not Meet Too Easily

As harbingers of summer come the dual announcements that the Australian cricket touring side have arrived and the publication of the first county cricket club annual report and statement of accounts.

The Aussies have the worry of a torn muscle in Bradman's side that may restrict Don's appearances to tests and against leading counties, which is bad luck for the unfashionable counties who need money the most.

On the other hand Essex have the good news that membership is up by 708 and last season showed them a profit of over £1,400. Essex won the Championship because, unlike past seasons, there is a lack of variety and power in its bowling but it is about the most enterprising County Club I know.

The new Secretary, R. F. T. Paterson, is progressive, matches are played in all corners of the county and all manner of new schemes are being tried. Membership hit the 3,000 mark for the first time last season.

There was a time when Essex had about the three best fast bowlers in England—Farnes, Nichols and Head. Now the shock attack falls almost exclusively on the broad shoulders of former Ray Smith. Trevor Bailey's speed is available only occasionally.

The batting is "ish" but despite these shortcomings Essex is generally worth while watching chiefly because of the sporting captaincy of breezy Tom Pearce.

THE COST

How much does it cost to run a county cricket club? Remember first that Essex is not run on pretentious club lines like Yorkshire with elaborate scouting and coaching schemes among the numerous local leagues.

TONIGHT'S GOLDEN GLOVES TOURNEY

PULLING AND BIGGS IN SIX-ROUND BOUT

Much credit is due the promoters of the Golden Gloves Boxing Tournaments locally whose biggest show so far, despite last minute disappointments, comes off tonight at the China Fleet Club Theatre.

Promoting a boxing tourney can be a thankless task and financially a risky one. It entails, almost always, last-minute changes in the programme and filling the breach is no easy matter.

Tonight only one major bout will be on the programme though originally the intention had been to have two. This will be a six-round contest between the holder of the British Pacific Fleet welterweight championship, Bob Pulling, and Ted Biggs of South Africa.

The last time they fought, Pulling won on points after putting in some excellent boxing to overcome his stronger opponent. He was giving away 10 lbs. in weight.

NO STRANGER

He is a hard hitter and shook Pulling on several occasions the last time they fought. He has been in hard training to reverse the decision in tonight's bout.

The other fights on tonight's card will be of three rounds.

Another good three-round affair will be between Leading Gunner Williams of the Royal Artillery and AB McLaughlin of HMS London.

Williams scored a decision over Leading Patrolman Comer of HMS Tamar in his last local appearance but he will find McLaughlin a clever boxer and hard to beat.

Service Officers are again undertaking the duties of Judges, whilst the control of the fights will be in the capable hands of Captain J. Varley, a duly certificated referee. Major C. W. L. Way is undertaking the duties of M.C.

*MAIN EVENT

Bout 9.—6 rounds, "Red" Biggs v. Leading Writer Pulling (H.M.S. Tamar).

SHAW LASTS ONE ROUND AGAINST FREDDIE MILLS

London, Apr. 20.—By his victory in one round against Ken Shaw at Harringay tonight, Freddie Mills, the British and European light heavyweight champion, made a brilliant start to what can be regarded as the three hardest months of his boxing career.

The win means he will now challenge Bruce Woodcock for the British heavyweight title, but first Mills is to visit South Africa where he will meet Johnny Ralph, South Africa's heavyweight champion, next month, and then in July he faces Gus Lesnevich for the American's world title.

On tonight's display, Mills is apparently conceding 11 pounds in weight, he gave a devastating display of punching throughout the one round which the fight lasted.

Shaw was the first to attack, but Mills soon measured him and Shaw dropped to his knees for a count of three.

BLEEDING BADLY

Shaw was bleeding badly when he rose and Mills halted to call the referee's attention to the cut, but the official motioned the fight to go on.

Shaw was now little more than a punching bag, and another right to the jaw put him down for another count of nine. He rose to fight back, namely, but Mills, in devastating form, sent in a barrage of blows, and Shaw was down again.

He rose just as the bell went to end the round and the referee then stopped the fight because of Shaw's cut lip.

In a previous meeting between the two, Shaw retired with a cut lip.

Tonight, Shaw weighed in at 15 stone seven against Mills' 12 stone 1-3/4.

BOON KNOCKED OUT

The French and European welterweight champion, Robert Villenard, gained a notable victory when he knocked out Eric Boon, one of the contenders for the British title, in the 10th and last round of their welterweight contest on the Harringay programme.

It was soon apparent that Villenard carried the heavier punch and Boon took a short count in the 4th round.

Only on rare occasions afterwards did Boon land blows with any telling effect. Generally, he seemed to take a count of nine, before receiving the blow which sent him down for the full count.—Reuter.

SKI CHAMPION TURNS PRO

Sun Valley, Idaho, Apr. 20.—America's first Olympic Games ski champion, Mrs. Gretchen Fraser, of Vancouver, Washington, has turned professional.

Mr. W. P. Rogers, the manager of this Western mountain resort, announced that 20-year-old Mrs. Fraser has signed a three years' contract to appear in film shorts and advertising matter.

Mrs. Fraser won the women's slalom race at the Winter Olympic Games at St. Moritz earlier this year. Since 1940, she has won 17 championships for the Sun Valley Ski Club.—Reuter.

Soviets Adopt An Injured Tone

ATTEMPTED KIDNAPPING IN VIENNA SEQUEL

Vienna, Apr. 20.—A threat to sever completely their co-operation with the Americans in Austria unless American officers and men, alleged to be guilty of "provocation" against Soviet officers after yesterday's kidnapping incident in the American sector, were "strictly punished" at once, was made by the Soviet authorities here tonight.

Meanwhile, the American authorities in Austria have made a triple protest today to the Russian authorities over an attempt by three Russian officers yesterday to arrest a German girl living in an American displaced persons' camp.

General Geoffrey Keyes, the American commander, sent a letter to General Vladimir Kurasov, the Soviet High Commissioner, protesting against the Russians entering the American Zone "to make an unauthorised arrest of a woman," bringing loaded weapons into the American Zone, and against the action of Captain Kuchin, the Russian Assistant Provost Marshal, "obstructing the United States Provost Marshal in the execution of his duty."—Reuter.

OFFICIAL PROTEST

Vienna, Apr. 20.—Lt-Gen Geoffrey Keyes, U.S. Commissioner for Austria, today officially protested against the abortive Russian at-

NOTICE

THE HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY, LIMITED

Notice To Shareholders

ADOPTION OF NEW ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

Notice is hereby given that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Members of this Company will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., Pedder Street, Hong Kong, on Wednesday, 28th April, 1948, at 12.15 p.m., or at such time as the Ordinary Annual Meeting of Members to be held at the same place at Noon shall terminate, for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, passing the following Special Resolution:—

"That the new Articles of Association produced to the Meeting, and for the purpose of identification subscribed by David Fortune Landale, Chairman of the Company and of the Meeting, be adopted as the Articles of Association of the Company in substitution for and to the exclusion of all existing Articles of Association of the Company."

A copy of the Proposed New Articles can be inspected by any Shareholder at the Offices of the Company during the usual office hours.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
C. E. TERRY,
Manager and Secretary,
Hongkong, 5th April, 1948.

NOTICE

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Notice To Shareholders

Ordinary Annual Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the Fifty-seventh Ordinary Annual Meeting of the Members of the Company will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., Pedder Street, Hong Kong, on Wednesday, 28th April, 1948, at Noon, to receive and consider the Report of the Board of Directors and Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1947, to elect Directors and to appoint Auditors.

Closing of Transfer Books.—Notice is also given that the Register of Members and Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from 15th April, 1948, to 28th April, 1948, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
C. E. TERRY,
Manager and Secretary,
Hongkong, 5th April, 1948.

Author Sent To Gaol

Melbourne, Apr. 20.—Robert Siant Close, 44, author of the novel "Love Me Sailor," was sentenced at Melbourne today to three months in gaol and fined £100 on a charge of having published an obscene libel. On a similar charge the publishers of the book, Georgian House Proprietary, Ltd., were fined £500. Sentence was imposed in Melbourne Criminal Court.

Judge Fred Martin told Close he regarded his book as a gross assault on the morality of the community. "Love Me Sailor" is the story of the thoughts and life of the crew of a sailing ship on which one woman is a passenger. During the trial Close denied that the novel contained obscene matter. He admitted there was a sex atmosphere but said that it was necessary to give a true picture of how characters behaved and acted in certain circumstances. The entire novel was read to the jury during the proceedings.—Associated Press.

Britain's March Trade Figures

London, Apr. 20.—Britain's import and export values for the month of March this year were the highest for 27 years and the unfavourable visible trade balance was largest since September last year, according to the Board of Trade figures issued today.

Imports for March totalled £178,200,000 and exports totalled £121,000,000 and re-exports totalled £20,100,000, giving an unfavourable balance of £37,100,000.

Allowing for price increases since 1938 the volume of exports for the month of March this year totalled at 129 per cent of 1938 which is a record high percentage. The largest increase in value was for vehicles, which exceeded £20,000,000.

Coal exports rose nearly 30 per cent in value and one-third in volume over the previous two months average. Textile exports decreased slightly to £22,300,000.

Food, drink and tobacco imports increased by £17,500,000 and accounted mainly for import value for March. The unfavourable trade balance for March was £10,000,000 greater than in February this year.—United Press.

MAKES MEAT TASTE MEATIER

Chicago, Apr. 20.—Monosodium glutamate makes meat taste meatier. Food expert M. J. Ellis said the chemical is growing more popular in United States restaurant cooking but the average housewife has not heard of it to benefit from its use. He said monosodium glutamate has no taste of its own but it makes the taste of natural flavours in foods stronger. But if the food tastes terrible, monosodium glutamate makes it taste worse.—United Press.

198 Suicides in Four Months

Tokyo, Apr. 20.—The Metropolitan Police Board reported today 198 Japanese committed suicide in Tokyo since the beginning of the year and said one of the chief reasons for the suicides was the frustrated love affairs. The board said 130 men and 68 women took their own lives, indicating the women do not take their love as seriously as men—if the police board's idea about suicide causes is correct.—United Press.

THREE JAPANESE EXECUTED

Shanghai, Apr. 21.—Three Japanese Gendarmes officers stationed in Indo-China during the war, were executed by firing squad here yesterday afternoon for long list of war-time atrocities inflicted on Overseas Chinese. Arrested after V-J Day by the Chinese authorities, they were sent to Canton for trial by the War Crimes Military Tribunal, which sentenced them to death.—Reuter.

Partition Of Germany Virtually Certain

IMPORTANT SIX-POWER MEETING

London, Apr. 20.—Well informed political quarters in London consider that the London Conference on Germany, attended by Britain, France, the United States and the three Benelux powers, which was resumed here today, may complete the partition of Germany, on whose brink the four occupation powers have hovered for so long.

Today's meeting, it was thought, would be largely taken up with discussing the agenda, after which the first question likely to be dealt with was the procedure for merging the French Zone of occupation in Germany with the British and United States Zone.

Talks between experts from Britain, France, the United States and the Benelux countries have been going on in Berlin on this subject since March, but little progress is believed to have been made so far.

The question of the future international control of the Ruhr will, it is thought, not be touched on except possibly in passing, since the Conference was able to make agreed recommendations to the participating nations on this last March.

THE NEXT STAGES

The next stages in the reconstitution of Western Germany are expected to be:

- 1.—The extension of the powers of the Bizonal Economic Council at Frankfurt to the political sphere.
- 2.—A currency reform.
- 3.—The fusion of the French occupation Zone with the Bizonal area.
- 4.—The proclamation of a provisional government for Western Germany.
- 5.—The holding of elections in the West.
- 6.—The promulgation of a new constitution drawn up by an elected Constituent Assembly, and the eventual replacement of this body by a West German Government, related to the Allied powers by a newly negotiated occupation statute.—Reuter.

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Costa Rica's New Pres.

San Jose, Costa Rica, Apr. 20.—Santos Leon Herrera assumed office as interim President of Costa Rica today, replacing President Teodoro Fiala, under terms of an agreement ending the country's civil war. It is understood that censorship will end tomorrow.

The agreement includes amnesty provisions, disarmament and abolition of the forces of Fiala's government.

Jose Figueres, who appears to have emerged victorious in the leader of the rebels, is remaining in Cartago until terms of the agreement are settled.—Associated Press.

COAL MINE DEATH TOLL 14

Lille, Apr. 20.—The official toll rose to 14 dead or missing today from a dust explosion on Monday night in a Salaurmin coal mine, where 385 men were working. It included two 19-year-old Polish girls employed as sorters at the pit head, who were last seen wrapped in flames that shot out of the draft.

Others identified were four Germans released for mine work, six Frenchmen and two Poles—one only 16-years old and the other a father of seven children.—Associated Press.

Suspected Ship Given Clean Bill

Beirut, Apr. 20.—An American freighter, the 7,000-ton American Export Line's "Sford," held in port here by the Syrian authorities because she presumably contained explosives destined for Palestine, was given a clean bill late today and sailed for Palestine with her cargo, which was a load of commercial anti-humidity devices of an explosive nature resembling hand-grenades.

The vessel was held in custody for hours outside the harbour for having failed to hoist her "explosive cargo" red flag. A statement was issued by Syrian officials, condemning the export of arms to Palestine as contrary to United States laws.—Reuter.

New U.S. Services Draft Bill Proposed

Washington, Apr. 20.—A bill to draft men of 18 through to 25 was introduced by Representative Walter G. Andrews, New York Republican and chairman of the House Armed Services Committee.

The measure is the first to reach either House or Senate since President Harry Truman asked for temporary selective service and universal military training as part of the preparedness programme. The Andrews bill would: Call on men from 18 through to 20 to register for the draft. Make men 18 through to 27 eligible for actual service.

Set a ceiling of 2,000,000 men for all armed services. Proposed ceilings for each service: Army, 837,000; Navy, 550,000; Marine Corps, 111,000; Air Force, 502,000. Drafting of men would start 90 days after the President signed it into law. The bill differs slightly from the one being studied by the House Armed Services Committee, of which Mr Andrews is chairman. The new bill listed a provision to grant full benefits of the G. I. Bill of Rights to men in the new draft. It also "freezes" all reserves. This means no man of draft age will be allowed to join any reserve unit after the law is in effect. The Senate has not drawn up a draft bill, but it is studying one that would call for registration of men 18 through to 44, and drafting of men 18 through to 20. Earlier today, Senator Wayne Morse, Oregon Republican, called for a bill to bring better teamwork. Senator Morse proposed to abolish the Departments of Army, Navy and Air Force as independent units. Top officials of these services—now Secretaries—would become Assistant Secretaries under the Secretary of Defence.—Associated Press.

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